





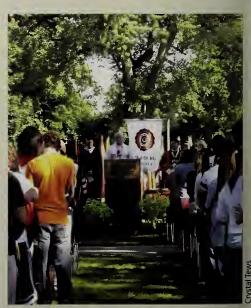
International students entered Opening Convocation bearing the flags of their countries.

# Wartburg kicked off the year of 'Celebrating Alumni' with Opening Convocation Sept. 6.

The focus of the 2006-07 academic year will allow the college to recognize the many contributions graduates make to the college. In keeping with the theme, the college presented Wartburg Medals to two Wartburg graduates: Kathryn Koob '60 of Waverly, Iowa, and Dr. Herman Diers '49 of Tacoma, Wash.

Diers is a professor emeritus of religion and founder of Venture Education, a one-term cultural immersion in Tanzania that is now part of the college's Diers Program, named in his honor.

Koob is a former Iranian hostage and 2002 American Legion Auxiliary Woman of the Year. She teaches communication arts courses at Wartburg and writes the narration for Christmas with Wartburg.



The Rev. Larry Trachte '66 gave the invocation at the outset of Opening Convocation.

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#### **Die Liste**

No. of Wartburg alumni worldwide: 17,559

No. of U.S. states alumni live in: 50 (plus the District of Columbia)

No. of alumni who live in Iowa: 7,858

No. of alumni who live internationally: 400

No. of countries outside the U.S. in which alumni reside: 70

No. of alumni who live in Japan: 56

No. of current alumni who attended Wartburg as international students: 2,390

Percentage of alumni giving to Campaign Wartburg: 69

Class years with a giving level of 70 percent or more: '26, '30, '32, '33, '41, '44, '48, '51

No. of current faculty, staff and retirees who are Wartburg alumni: 85

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**ON THE COVER** – During the Campaign Wartburg gala, President Jack R. Ohle used stories of individuals and couples to illustrate the diversity of donors and gifts. In this photo, he highlights Gene and Patricia (Kurtt '71) Leonhart of Denver, Iowa. More photos are featured on pages 12-13. (Photo by Greg Brown, epictime.com)



Nikolaus, Lukas and Randall Schroeder '82 find a familiar na Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Mich. The street beside the founder, who also started Wartburg College.

'The best way to describe modern day Frankenmuth is that it is Michigan's version of Iowa's Amana Colonies.'

- Randall Schroeder '82

# Labor of Love

## Librarian's vacation leads to 'pilgrim colony'

Story and photos by Randall Schroeder '82

Where does a librarian, especially a librarian who is the information literacy coordinator and assistant Wartburg College archivist, go on vacation? Naturally, to his children's dismay, the librarian takes his family to research Wartburg College history. If nothing else, it is a good excuse to wear orange in different states and countries.

After reading Albert Llewellyn Hock's excellent book, The Pilgrim Colony: the History of Saint Sebald Congregation, the two Wartburgs, and the Synods of Iowa and Missouri last fall, I had a greater appreciation of the connection Frankenmuth, Mich., had to Wartburg College.

Wartburg's connection to Saginaw, Mich., as the first site of the college in 1852 is well known. Frankenmuth is a short drive from Saginaw, Mich., and there is a downtown memorial to the town's founder, Wilhelm Löhe, the same German Lutheran pastor who founded Wartburg College.

My wife and I traveled to Frankenmuth before, but after reading Hock's book, we wondered why the two Löhe institutions did little to acknowledge each other. Our family vacation in June would

already take us to Toronto, and Ottawa, Canada. With the new Lake Express Ferry between Milwaukee, and Muskegan, Mich., we could easily catch a Brewers baseball game, take the ferry for an easy drive to Frankenmuth and avoid driving around Chicago. For the Schroeders, this was a no-brainer.

The best way to describe modern day Frankenmuth is that it is Michigan's version of Iowa's Amana Colonies. Most people visit Frankenmuth to shop, play golf and eat obscene quantities of food, most notably chicken dinners at the two largest restaurants. Frankenmuth is also famous for Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, which bills itself as the world's largest Christmas store, complete with a replica of the Austrian chapel where Silent Night, Holy Night was performed for the first time.

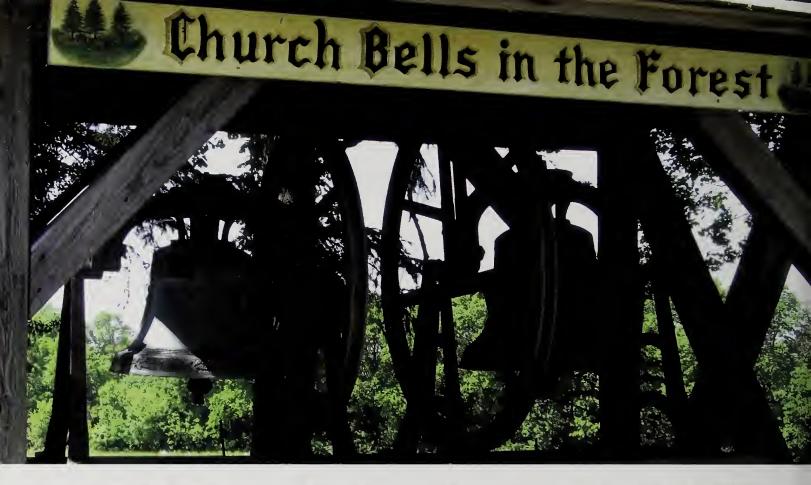
The Bavarian Festival in June is also a Frankenmuth institution. Some of the biggest names in German pop culture travel to Michigan to take part.



(left) All that remains of the village formerly known as Frankenhilf (Richville, Mich.) is a street sign and St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Wilhelm Löhe paid passage for poor Neuendettelsau families to come to the United States, where they founded Frankenhilf.

(top) Nikolaus, Lenore (Kuehn '83), Lukas and Randall Schroeder '82 sit outside a replica of the pioneer Lutheran Church at the site where Neuendettelsau pioneers founded Frankenmuth. Georg Grossmann gave many sermons in the original building. The chapel and a museum are across the street from St. Lorenz.

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Löhe raised funds to have "The Church Bells in the Forest" cast in Nürnberg, Germany, for his settlement in Michigan. The Neuendettelsau emigrants carried the bells with them from Franconia to Michigan. Visitors are encouraged to ring the bells as long as there is no service going on across the street at St. Lorenz.

The festival, however, nor the food, nor the Christmas store was not why the Schroeders were in Frankenmuth last summer.

Seven years before Löhe established the school in Saginaw that would become Wartburg College, he sent settlers from the Franconia (Franken) region, near Neuendettelsau, to found a new village called Frankenmuth, or "courage of the Franks." The village grew quickly, and Löhe was encouraged to start another settlement between Frankenmuth and Saginaw called Frankentrost—"the consolation of the Franks." Frankenlust—"the joy of the Franks" and Frankenhilf—"the help of the Franks" followed.

In short, Löhe's villages were grouped in the same way as the Amana Colonies. In fact, if one travels to Bavaria, clusters of farming villages like the Frankens and the Amanas are the norm. Löhe and his followers used a pattern that was familiar to them in Franconia.

The most interesting story comes

from Frankenhilf, especially in light of Wartburg's commitment to a strong social work department. The law in Bavaria, where Franconia is located, was that a sum of money was required before a couple could marry. The money was beyond the reach of most small farmers.

Couples "lived in sin" rather than pay for the marriage license they could not afford. Löhe raised money for these common-law families to immigrate to the United States, provided they were married in the eyes of God once they arrived. The families that took up Löhe's offer settled in Frankenhilf. It was the poorest of the settlements but was helped by the other villages until the farmers could make their own living. It is interesting that when Georg Grossmann and the Saginaw school split from the Missouri Synod churches in Frankenmuth, he received his strongest support from the villagers of Frankenhilf.

The reasons for the split between Löhe and his American settlements are best explained by Hock and the history by Dr. Ronald Matthias '54, Still on the Move: Wartburg College 1852-2002. Herman Zehnder's book, Teach My People the Truth: The Story of Frankenmuth, Michigan, tells the story from the Missouri Synod point of view. Zehnder devotes several chapters to Löhe, Grossmann and the church split. I picked up a copy to add to the Vogel Library collection despite the author's less than flattering analysis of Löhe's theology.

Ironically, the main reason for the split was the school in Saginaw, which would become Wartburg College. Löhe refused to turn over control of the school to the Missouri Synod because of doctrinal differences. Grossmann, as Löhe's representative, became the bad guy, even to the point of being called the Antichrist by a local preacher of the time.

Both sides dug in, and one year later, Grossmann moved the students and the school temporarily to Dubuque, Iowa.

With the exception of Frankenmuth, there is not much left of the other

villages. Frankenlust is now a subdivision of Saginaw. Frankentrost is a wide spot in the road with a church, and Frankenhilf changed its name to Richville to avoid sounding too German during World War I. The churches founded by Löhe, however, are still there.

Despite the split, all of the churches either have a stained glass window featuring Löhe or

his portrait hanging in the church.

Frankenmuth has a Löhe Road near the church. Across the road from the Lutheran Church is small exhibit of the original church bells cast for Löhe's settlers in Nürnberg, Germany, and brought across the ocean for their new church. There is also a small museum with furniture and artifacts that the intrepid Franks brought to America to start a new life.

Unfailingly, church employees were very friendly and loved to talk at some length about our common Löhe heritage, much to the chagrin of my 12-year-old twin boys (who made me promise not to take them into another church for the rest of the trip). Most knew of their debt to Löhe, but most were unaware of the college in Iowa that shared their heritage. Wartburg College, it seems, has been wiped from the history book of the Missouri Synod churches in Michigan.

Finally, it should be noted that during our stop in Stratford, Ontario, to attend *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Shakespeare Festival, my wife, Lenore '83, noted a small town less than 10 kilometers away called "Wartburg." We drove there the next day just to see what Wartburg looks like in Canada.

The answer is "not much." Again, a very small town with a church (we did not go in, as promised to Nikolaus and Lukas), a handful of houses, a school, and, oddly, a carpet store. Just outside Wartburg, Ontario, was the famous Wartburg Botanical Gardens. It was once a tourist stop for travelers who wished to see formal gardens on their way to Ontario.

The son who took over the business has let the gardens deliberately grow wild with the native plants of southern Ontario, although he is developing a special breed of lupines.

Sadly, they are not orange, but a deep purple. I've been promised the opportunity to buy some seeds, but I am not confident he will remember. Still, it is worth the effort for a Wartburg librarian to possibly plant a garden of Wartburg lupines.

A stained glass window in St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth remembers Wilhelm Löhe—despite doctrinal differences that resulted in the college he founded moving from Michigan to Iowa. Most Lutheran churches in the cluster of Michigan villages have a picture of Löhe somewhere in their buildings.





# Solidifying a legacy

# Wartburg faculty, staff complete study tour of Luther's, Wartburg's roots

Story and photos by Karris Golden '98

It was the field trip of a lifetime. In late July, a group of 20 Wartburg professors and administrators left campus for Germany. There, they delved into an intensive study of the Lutheran heritage in education and social service.

The trip was funded by the college's Discovering and Claiming Our Callings Initiative.

After arriving in Berlin, the group visited Wittenberg. In 1517, Martin Luther thrust the former university town into the international spotlight, when he was supposed to have tacked his grievances against the Roman Catholic Church to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church door.

The group went on to Eisenach, home of the Wartburg Castle, the college's namesake.

Participants also toured Buchenwald, a concentration camp near Munich.

The trip concluded in Neuendettelsau, Bavaria. There, faculty and staff learned firsthand about the life and legacy of the Rev. Wilhelm Löhe, co-founder of Wartburg College.

"The intent is to reflect on how that heritage might better inform our own vocations as educators and active citizens," says the Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, professor of religion and trip coordinator.

Kleinhans is a theologian and Luther expert. She didn't offer a sightseeing tour; trip preparation required a healthy reading list. Once in Germany, staff and faculty participated in on-site seminars and indepth discussions.

"The goal was to introduce participants to the Lutheran heritage in an effort to prompt both personal and corporate reflection for each of the participants as individuals as well as for the college collectively," Kleinhans says.

As a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg ties its philosophy to faith and service, professing a mission to "challenge and nurture students for lives of leadership and service."

The seminar offered a firsthand look at the historical sites of Martin Luther's ministry. Called "the Father of the Protestant Reformation," Luther was a 16th-century Augustine monk whose ministry in Germany's Saxony region raged across Europe.

The group also learned about Luther's contemporary and colleague, Philip Melanchthon, and studied Lutheran roots in social ministry.

Despite the focus on Lutheran heritage, the participants' backgrounds are varied. Among the religious backgrounds represented were Catholic, Christian, ELCA members and former Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod members.

Read Golden's blog about the Germany trip at www.karrisgolden.com/travelbloggermany.html

The study tour group posed for this photo in Wittenberg's Castle Church after celebrating the Eucharist.

## **Trip Itinerary**

#### July 23 Wittenberg July 24 Wittenberg

Walking tour of city, including Wittenberg Castle and Town Church

Visit to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Wittenberg Center

Seminar at the Evangelical Academy Eucharist at Castle Church

#### July 25 Wittenberg

Walking tour continues

Seminar at Evangelical Academy

Lecture/concert, "Lutheran Roots of Present Day Church Music Traditions"

#### July 26 Wittenberg

Lecture, "Philip Melanchthon: Educator of Europe" at the Lutherhaus Refectory

Lecture, "Images of Luther in 20th Century Germany"

#### July 27 Eisenach

Private tour of the Wartburg Castle

Lecture on misconceptions about Luther's life and work

#### July 28 Eisenach

Reception at Eisenach Town Hall

Guided walking tour of Eisenach

Visit to Johann Sebastian Bach Museum

Dinner with former Eisenach mayors and their spouses

## July 29 Left "Lutherland" for Bavaria

Guided tour of Buchenwald concentration camp

#### July 30 Neuendettelsau

Live radio-broadcasted worship service at Wilhelm Löhe's former church

Lecture, "Beyond the Americas: Löhe's Global Missionary Influence"

#### July 31 Neuendettelsau

Tour of the Diakonie Neuendettelsau's Missions Academy and diaconal institutions

Tour of Löhe Museum



#### Julie Paladino, science lab supervisor

## from a "conversation" she imagined having with Wilhelm Löhe

I explained the wonders of my trip to Germany, and he was intrigued by recent political and social events. Our group was impressed by the work he began in the mid-1800s in such a small village in Bavaria. We had discussed how such a promising pastor was somewhat 'condemned' by church leadership to a small, unknown area. Löhe patiently reminded me of the birth of Jesus and our savior's humble beginning.

Luther and other leaders of reform didn't know they were making big changes in the world when they were speaking out in the 1500s. Löhe ministered to farmers in a very small town in Bavaria in 1837, and he didn't know then that we would speak of him in 2006 at Wartburg College.

## ■ Dr. Kevin Fiene, chair of the education department from a post-tour letter he wrote to Martin Luther

Far and away the most impressive part of my trip to Germany was our time in Neuendettelsau.... The ethos of the place is something that will stay with me the rest of my life. Although I have not read of your visiting Neuendettelsau, you would love the place. It's quaint and beautiful, but more importantly, the adage of serving your neighbor is being lived out on a daily basis. It is possible in our modern world to actually 'walk the talk,' which I found refreshing and invigorating.

#### Penny Prior, development officer

Visiting Neuendettelsau and seeing the place where Wilhelm Löhe lived, preached and served others was the most touching experience for me. Realizing the disappointment Löhe felt when transferred to Neuendettelsau and experiencing what he was able to accomplish in his lifetime and beyond was amazing. It was surprising to discover Löhe sent out over 300 young pastors to work, teach and preach beyond the confines of Neuendettelsau, Germany, and Europe. Before visiting this lively community, I had no idea the extent of Löhe's legacy. Visiting the Diakonie and having the opportunity to share ideas with Dr. Horst Becker and other Diakonie officials gave me a stronger insight into the length and breadth of Lutheran service to others. Our visit there was truly inspiring.

Putting all these powerful experiences together gave me a much clearer picture of who we are as part of a college of the Lutheran church. Building on Martin Luther's foundation of courage and vision, exploring Wartburg Castle and its legacy and visiting Neuendettelsau with its tremendous service to others have given me a new sense of direction personally as well as professionally. As a development officer, my goal is to build relationships with our constituents and bridge them back to the college. Those relationships help strengthen the college through funding, internships, classroom consulting and recruiting. Learning about the powerful legacy and history that formed Wartburg College has enriched and deepened my faith and sense of service and broadened my understanding of what it means to be a Lutheran.



## Susan Meyeraan, assistant professor of business administration

We've all heard the 'lecture' about Wilhelm Löhe sending Georg Grossmann to provide for the educational needs of the American Midwest immigrant population. Löhe's twin goals of education and service to society were to serve as the foundation of the institution and, are in fact, the cornerstones of Wartburg College's mission. Although we've heard the words over and over again, the deeper meaning of Löhe's vision isn't felt by many on our campus. However, after actually seeing the results of Löhe's work in Neuendettelsau, it becomes impossible not to feel or sense the role service to society plays in everything we do. This isn't a case of 'seeing is believing.' I believed before. I just didn't fully comprehend the richness or depth of what was being voiced. ... Because of our experiences in Germany, it should now be our responsibility to work to develop that level of comprehension among others.

While Löhe is, in many ways, responsible for Wartburg College's existence, Luther's work provides the reasons why we're here. I view Luther as the ultimate educator, and because education was his vision, he became the reformer. Regardless of whether we consider his 'posting' of the 95 Theses, work translating the New Testament into the 'common' language ... or his writings on vocation, his single purpose always seemed to be preparing people/students to fit into a larger society so they would be able to serve others.

#### Dr. Penni Pier, associate professor of communication arts

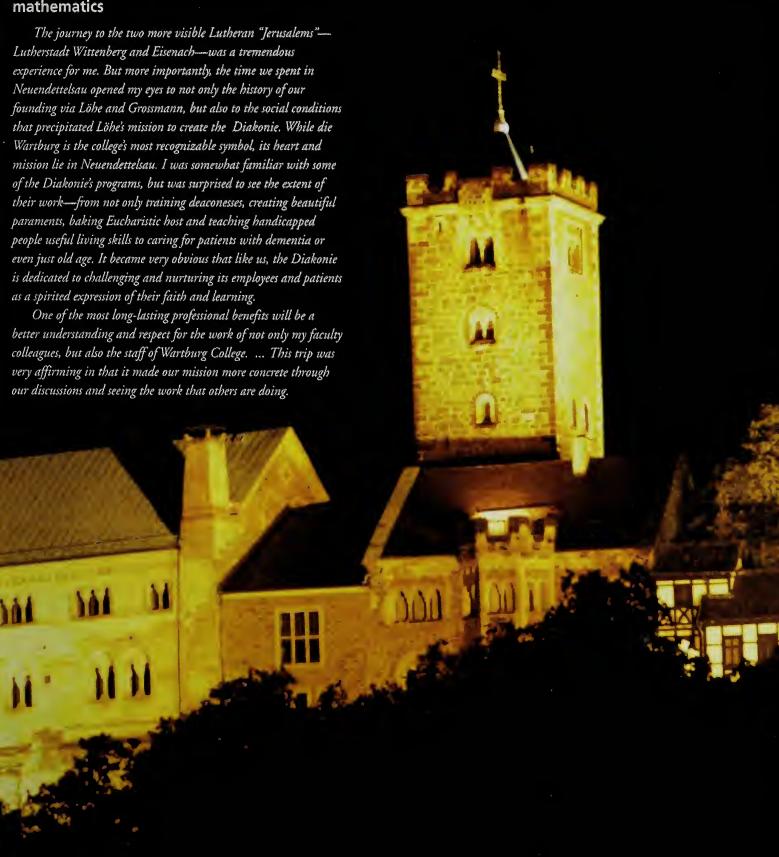
While I admire [Luther's] passion and his unyielding manner when it comes to ideas or positions that he feels are correct and should be defended, I understand Melanchthon's role in the reformation more clearly now. I admire Melanchthon for his ability to be the 'politician' that Luther (by his very nature I believe) could never be. I understand the frailty of the relationship between these two men and think it is very much like modern relationships that we cultivate in the halls of the academy. They are relationships that are filled with tension, respect and a mutual dependency on one's colleagues to help legitimize a professed vocation.

## TyAnn Lindell, assistant dean of academic affairs

What struck me the most on the trip were the days in Neuendettelsau. Learning more about Löhe and how he saw a way to serve the needs of poor, rural women by educating them so they could in turn serve the needs of others is very inspiring. How might we serve needs in a way that is effective?



## Terry Letsche '89, assistant professor of mathematics





# Campaign concludes

Clockwise from top: (1) Attendees included donors, faculty and staff members; (2) President Ohle shared the story of Bob '58 and Joan Pape '59 Loslo of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who have given multiple gifts to Wartburg; (3) President Ohle thanks Fred Hagemann '67, chairman of the board of regents; (4) students, faculty and staff helped announce the Campaign total; (5) President Ohle tells the story of Stephanie Robbins '99 and Jay Boeding '99 of Ankeny, Iowa, who have given a gift to Wartburg each year since graduating.



# Wartburg with gala event

### College exceeds goal, expectations

Wartburg exceeded the goal for the most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history.

At a gala celebration that took place Oct. 13, the college marked the end of Campaign Wartburg and announced that \$90,348,284 had been raised in gifts and commitments as of Sept. 1.

"In carrying the college's fundraising campaign to fruition, Wartburg has positioned itself to continue opportunities and enhance possibilities for students to learn, lead, serve, explore and understand themselves and influence the world around them," said Fred W. Hagemann

'67 of Waverly, Wartburg Board of Regents chairman. He and his wife, Susan Childs Hagemann '69, co-chaired Campaign Wartburg.

"Wartburg is grateful for the incredible efforts of faculty and staff, leaders and volunteers who helped make this campaign a success; most importantly we appreciate those alumni and friends who invested so generously in the future of the college," said Scott Leisinger '87, vice president for institutional advancement.

- photos by Greg Brown







## Leisinger named vice president advancement

A former Wartburg advancement administrator returned to the college to serve as vice president for institutional advancement.

Scott Leisinger '87 returned to Wartburg in mid-September. "I am honored to join a very strong team of faculty and staff and look forward to contributing to the experience of current and future Wartburg students," he said.

Leisinger replaced David Ostrander, who after seven years has taken a similar position at St. Leo University in Florida.

Leisinger came to Wartburg after serving as vice president for development at the University of Northern Iowa Foundation since February 2003. During his tenure there, the foundation completed its \$112 million "Students First" campaign.

Prior to UNI, Leisinger was director of development at Wartburg from 2000 to 2003. In October 2001, he assisted in the kickoff of

Campaign Wartburg.

Leisinger earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in business administration and communication arts from Wartburg. He went on to earn a Master of Arts in communication from the University of Northern Colorado at Greeley. At UNC, Leisinger served as director of sports information from 1988 to 1991 and assistant athletic director from July 1991 to January 1997. He then moved back to Iowa to become the UNI director of athletic development.

# Senior writes book while at Wartburg West

by Michelle Caldwell '08

As the Wartburg West program celebrates its 20th year, students continue to acknowledge the Denver, Colo.-based internship experience as an "opportunity of a lifetime."

Matt Popowoski '07 of Garner, Iowa, fulfilled a long-held dream while enrolled in the program; he wrote his first book, *Denver Metro and The Front Range*.

The book contains various entertainment, food and recreational opportunities in the Denver metro area. It also lists dates of importance, appropriate clothing attire, prices, hot spots and other information.

Popowoski had an interest in seeing other parts of the United States and applied to Wartburg West because many of his family members were traveling through either study abroad or vacation.

As a writing major, Popowoski wasn't sure he would find the right internship. He sought internships outside Wartburg West, too, as students are encouraged to do by the Revs. Nelson and Bonita Bock, program co-directors.

Doing so helped Popowoski strike gold. Ric Simmons, president of LifeVest Publishing, had entered his fifth year in publishing, working with more than 100 U.S. authors. Simmons had always wanted to publish an in-house book for Denver couples that wanted dining and entertainment information.

Popowoski was the kind of student Simmons needed. After arriving in January, he and Simmons planned out a schedule and duties and began the research. The goal was to compile a list of 500 things to do in the Denver area. Popowoski had eight weeks to research and write the book.

"I had no idea of what I would be doing when I first got there," said Popowoski. "I was really excited (about the book) at first but also realized it was going to be a lot of work. I knew I would need to stay on schedule since I only had until the end of April."

Popowoski said his work mainly involved Internet research on restaurants, clubs and entertainment, but he occasionally visited the places in his book with other Wartburg West students.

Included among the 449 things to do are various nightclubs, amusement parks, myriad ethnic restaurants, museums, ice rinks, bowling alleys and festivals of all kinds.

The book will be released in November 2007, and Simmons plans to publish an initial run of about 3,000 copies.

Popowoski, a *Trumpet* editor and Wartburg writing lab consultant, credits the Wartburg faculty—particularly Dr. Paul Hedeen, professor of English—with preparing him for the experience.

"(My family) loves to write," Popowoski said. "We've all dreamed of writing a book, and I decided when I went to college I was going to go after that dream. Once I found out it was possible, I was going to get it done. Now that I have my dream, I'm going to give myself and my family to this career."

-Caldwell is a communication arts major from Washington, Iowa.

## Wartburg welcomes Brazilians for language, culture

program

Wartburg hosted an American language and culture program in July for a group of teachers from Brazil

Dr. Linda Wolf, retired director of Wartburg international student programs, organized the program and hosted the visit. The group visited sites throughout Iowa and the Midwest.

"The American Language and Culture Program offered a broad range of experiences in which participants used American English language every day," Wolf said. "Most mornings included class

together, while afternoons offered special tours or activities, followed by group processing and preparations for the next day."

Each day's session included personal journal writing time. There were also opportunities for individual experiences for participants to use their English language skills in varied settings.

"The emphasis was on gaining confidence in the American English language usage," Wolf explained.



School teachers from Brazil lived in residency on the Wartburg campus last summer as they studied American language and culture.

To that end, participants had one-on-one sessions with Wartburg faculty and staff and members of the community, where they practiced their conversational language skills. In addition, the group visited the organic farm of Drs. Tammy and Robert Faux and the dairy farm of Kathy and Roger Traetow.

Other group field trips included John Deere Co. in Waterloo, Iowa; the Amana Colonies near the Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and trips to the Mississippi River, Chicago and Minneapolis.

## Wartburg makes strides in diversity enrollment

Wartburg more than doubled the number of students of color in the first-year class as part of its 2006-07 enrollment effort.

According to Dr. Edith Waldstein '73, vice president for enrollment management, approximately 15 percent of this year's first-year students represent U.S. students of color and international students. Campuswide, these students now comprise 12 percent of the student body.

"This is a positive step toward our goal of creating a campus that reflects U.S. cultural diversity and provides interaction with students from around the world," said Dr. Jack R. Ohle, president. Ohle noted that because less than 7 percent of Iowa's population is comprised of nonwhite citizens, the college has taken deliberate steps to

increase its diversity through targeted programs on and off campus. As part of that effort, Wartburg students are studying abroad in 11 countries on five continents this term.

After graduating the largest class in Wartburg's history last spring, Waldstein said recruitment for 2006-07 was as strong as ever, and the college met its goal for first-time, first-year students. Total enrollment is 1,769. Students come from 23 U.S. states and 36 countries.

"The academic quality of the firstyear class remains high, with an average ACT score of 24," said Waldstein. "Thirty-six percent of incoming students ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school class, and 63 percent ranked in the top quarter. The average high school grade point average among these students is 3.56."

Ohle said the opening of the Science Center in 2004 continues to impact enrollment favorably. A total of 514 students are majoring in the sciences and mathematics, and biology is now the largest major, followed by business administration, communication arts, elementary education and music education.

"Wartburg is once again recognized as Iowa's top comprehensive college in this year's *U.S. News & World Report* rankings," Ohle added. "Wartburg also ranks No. 1 in Iowa and No. 2 in the Midwest among comprehensive colleges described as great schools at great prices, and it is on *The Princeton Review's* 2007 list of Best Midwestern Colleges."



# **Choir performs with Czech National Symphony**

by Karris Golden '98

The Wartburg Choir was invited to perform in Prague with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra. Renowned opera star Dr. Simon Estes joined the choir and symphony for the mid-December performances.

While in Europe, the choir also performed Dec. 21 at St. George's Church in Eisenach, Germany.

The invitation to perform was extended by Maestro Paul Freeman, CNSO music director and chief conductor, after he attended the choir's April 2006 performance with Estes at Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

Dr. Paul Torkelson '76, professor of music, directs the Wartburg Choir. "We were deeply honored to receive the invitation to perform with the Czech National Symphony and Maestro Freeman. It will provide the choir an unforgettable Christmas musical experience."

The Wartburg Choir performed two concerts in Prague, including the CNSO Christmas concert and a performance at the Rudolfinum. The program included Antonin Dvorak's *Te Deum* and

a selection of Christmas carols sung in English. Estes performed solo works with the symphony and joined the choir for some of its selections.

In January 1996, Freeman, a celebrated American conductor and founding music director of the Chicago Sinfonietta, was appointed music director and chief conductor. Freeman retains both positions simultaneously.

Under Freeman's leadership, the CNSO has grown in distinction and produced more than 80 CDs. A recent article in the international edition of *Newsweek* states that "before Maestro Freeman's arrival the CNSO was quietly respectable. Today it is groundbreaking."

Born in Richmond, Va., Freeman is considered one of America's leading conductors. He has conducted more than 100 orchestras in over 30 countries, such as the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra and the Chicago Symphony. In a recent issue of *Fanfare Magazine* Freeman was proclaimed "one of the finest conductors which our nation has produced."

### Wartburg representatives attend triennial youth gathering

by the Rev. Dr. Walter "Chip" Bouzard

When almost 40,000 senior high youth gathered at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's National Youth Gathering in San Antonio, Texas, Wartburg staff and faculty were there to greet them.

The ELCA Youth Gathering consists of two identical, back-to-back, five-day events. This year's theme was "Cruzando: Journey with Jesus." It welcomes ELCA high school-aged youth and guests from across North America and several other countries.

Prior to the gathering, the ELCA hosts the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) for youth of color and language. Wartburg alumna Dina Tannous '01, then an ELCA staff member, helped plan the event.

A second pre-gathering also took place for young people with physical and developmental disabilities—the Differently Abled Youth Leadership Event. In addition, the national convention of the Churchwide Board of the Lutheran Youth Organization takes place between the two five-day mass gatherings.

Karris Golden '98, editor of *Wartburg Magazine*, was a keynote speaker at MYLE. Nearly 800 high school students of color and language, as well as their adult leaders, were present to hear her remarks.

The Rev. Ramona Bouzard, director of Wartburg church relations, and Alex Feldt '06 worked with others for more than two years as members of the Interaction Center Planning Committee.



The Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert chatted with Amy Nass '08 and Carly Nass '09 of Fort Collins, Colo.

Tens of thousands of high school youth had the opportunity to learn about Wartburg and other ELCA colleges as they participated in live Internet radio broadcast and posed for group pictures.

Wartburg faculty members represented Wartburg and helped staff the Interaction Center, including Dr. Dan Black, professor of engineering science and physical science, and the Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion. The Admissions Office was also present in force, represented by Tara Price '01,

Betsy Girsch '05, Nick Mitchell '01, Rachelle Rost and Brent Matthias '92.

"In addition to inviting literally thousands of high school students to consider Wartburg College, we had the opportunity to greet numerous alumni and friends of the college," said Ramona Bouzard.

 Chip Bouzard is professor of religion and was among the faculty who helped staff the Interaction Center.



The Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, left, and the Rev. Ramona Bouzard, far right, posed for photos with alumni, students and others who visited the higher education area in the ELCA Youth Gathering's Interaction Center.

# Worth Repeating Worth Repeating



emember the Wartburg College car window cling you gave me a few years back? I display it proudly across my back window. A few weeks ago, I was stopped for a drawbridge. Just as the light turned green and traffic was starting to move again, I realized someone in the SUV next to me was trying to get my attention. I rolled down my window, and the guy says, 'I went to Luther!' I laughed, and responded, 'I guess we can't be friends!'

- Jeannie Glenn '85 of Seattle, Wash., in an e-mail to a Wartburg development officer

t has been years since I pitched at Wartburg, but not a day goes by that I don't think about the incredible experience I had there. Wartburg provided the foundation for all that I do as a lawyer, teacher, parent and wife.

- Shon Cook '91 of Twin Lake, Mich., who was inducted into the Wartburg Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming in October

hat I want more of in my life is this, 'WHOO!' What I want less of is, 'Eh.'

- Po Bronson, author of What Should I Do with My Life?, speaking at convocation Oct. 5

e treasured his time and memories at Wartburg. His time there was a transition in his life that he reflected on many times. He wore his class ring from Wartburg until the end. The ring meant a lot to him, and he passed it on to his children with the request that they pass it on to their children.

- Deb Hanson, widow of Dr. Gordon Hanson '58, Fort Morgan, Colo., retired psychiatric social worker who served briefly on the Wartburg faculty

ne of my favorite memories of Wartburg was passing various items to each other in the choir during Christmas with Wartburg. The best was a LARGE carrot from the buffet.

- Maureen Hughes Weichers '90 of Parkersburg,

ho knew that by being a trombone player with the military, I'd be teaching the Iraqi Army how to drive?

- Logistics Sgt. Matthew Leichsenring '02, deployed with U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division Band in Baghdad, Iraq, as a senior trombonist and Irag's 6th Infantry Division in armored humvee operation trainer

utting through the Clutter' Wartburg Magazine, Summer 2006] was of particular interest to me. It brought back memories of my walks from the south edge of town at midnight. Pin setting was hard work, but I needed the spending money to support habit of eating. Going to college is expensive but will always be worth the time, later on achievements, personal satisfaction and eventual rewards.

- Marvin Brosz '58, a 2006 Alumni Citation recipient, in an e-mail commenting on an article on financial aid in the Summer 2006 Wartburg Magazine

e came here for something to gain; we stay here for a few years and then move on when it is time. We leave our mark and continue to make Warburg a better place for the next students coming here.

- Student Body President Eva Sersland '07 of Rockwell City, Iowa, speaking at Opening Convocation Sept. 5

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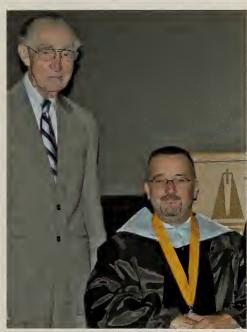
ne of my favorite Wartburg memories was when the wrestling team was at the Division III nationals at Ohio Northern and you could look up at the crowd to a sea of orange. After the first round of the tournament, all 10 wrestlers were on the 'winner' side of the bracket. None of the fans stayed to watch the consolation round. After many of them left, the announcer proceeded to announce over the loud speaker, 'Wartburg has now left the building.' By the end of the tournament, all 10 wrestlers made all-American status. When this feat was accomplished, the Wartburg crowd started chanting '10, 10, 10.' This was the first time in the history of the Division III nationals that any team had all 10 wrestlers make all-American status.

 Angela Foelske Djoumessi '04 of Waverly, Iowa

Soon I'll be finished teaching every day in the conventional sense. Will I be teaching and learning from others in a different way? Here I am Lord; how may I be of service next? My husband and I will continue working with Habitat for Humanity and People to People. Another service mission as the ones we took to Honduras, perhaps. Time with family, with grandchildren is calling us, too, as we make a decision to simplify our lives.

 Dr. Linda Wolf, retired director of international programs, speaking in chapel March 20 a few months before her retirement Wars and sports define society. We can use a seemingly banal or mundane topic called sports to teach crucial aspects of the society around us.

 Noted Jewish historian and scholar Dr. Jeffrey S.
 Gurock in his Opening Convocation keynote address, Sports as a Cultural Metaphor



Grant Price and Dr. William Withers

This convocation is all about leaving a legacy. . . . 'Legacy' is a good word to describe Grant (Price's) work and gifts to this college. We joke about Grant's many retirements, but you know what? It's part of the legacy—this idea of solidifying a foundation for the future, and *still* paying forward while you can. Frankly, I'm glad Grant *didn't* fully retire his presence, his passion, his time for our students, his selfless giving.

 Dr. William Withers, reflecting upon receiving the Grant L. Price Chair in Communication Arts at the Endowed Chairs and Distinguished Professors Convocation Oct. 24

## Boss, Strickert new GMCS directors

Two longtime Wartburg faculty members have taken the helm of the college's Global and Multicultural Studies program.

Dr. Joyce Boss, professor of English, and the Rev. Dr. Fred Strickert, professor of religion and Slife Chair in Humanities, will serve as co-directors of GMCS.



**Boss** 

"Dr. Boss and Dr. Strickert are well prepared to assume leadership of GMCS," said Dr. Ferol Menzel, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty. "Dr. Strickert regularly



Strickert

travels with students to Tanzania and had a recent sabbatical teaching in India. He also writes about and has traveled extensively in the Middle East. Dr. Boss was just in Japan with a May Term travel course. She regularly teaches the intercultural communication and return adjustment courses. Her academic background in cultural studies is a true asset to the GMCS program.

## **SPORTS**

## Ticket prices remain same for home events

The Wartburg Athletics Office hopes for strong support of home athletic contests this year. Although several teams will host home games at off-campus locations, admission prices will remain the same, according to Rick Willis, director of athletics.

All passes will be honored, and Willis asks that fans remember parking situations may be different from site to site.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL will host home games at the University of Northern Iowa's West Gymnasium in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Practices will take place there, as well as at Clarksville High School and Denver High School.

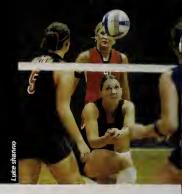
THE WRESTLING team will practice in Players Theatre and Waverly-Shell Rock High School, where it will also host its dual meets. The Dick Walker Invitational took place at Northern University High School's gymnasium in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in early December with a strong following from all schools in attendance.

AN INDOOR winter practice site for men's and women's track, baseball and softball has been developed at a storage and warehouse facility owned by Town and Country Homes of Waverly, Iowa, on the south side of East Bremer Avenue.

Complete schedules for 2006-07 are available through links at www.go-knights.net.



FINDING DAYLIGHT – Josh Van Rees '08 of New Sharon, Iowa, outruns the Monmouth defense during Wartburg's season-opening football win.



## Athletic department looking at big pictur

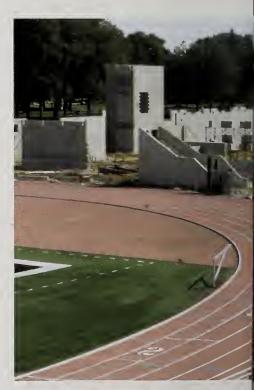
by Mark Adkins '90

The Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center represents the silver lining in a year filled with challenges for the health and physical education department and Wartburg's 19 athletic teams.

The Physical Education Center and Knights Gymnasium are now a memory. And until the new facility opens next fall, student-athletes and coaches must adjust to new practice sites, relocated offices and training facilities and off-campus venues for home athletic contests.



SCOREBOARD MOVE — The scoreboard at Walston-Hoover Stadium was relocated to the northeast corner of the field in late July as part of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness Center construction project.



**CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES** – Work continued Center in early fall (view is south from Walston-Horknights.net.

"The entire athletic department and our student-athletes know that despite all of the changes, the final outcome will be something special," said Rick Willis, director of athletics. "It's all about having our teams go out and make new places their homes for now—making the best of the situation. Sometimes, these situations actually bring individuals and teams closer together as they work toward a common goal."

Willis said the college is grateful to the University of Northern Iowa and area high schools for their cooperation and help. DIGGIN' IT – Ashley Rogers
'08 of Dubuque, lowa, sets
herself to dig out an
opponent's attack attempt in
a five-game win over
Dubuque.



IN CONTROL – Katie Krei '09 of lowa City, Iowa, moves the ball up the field for the women's soccer team in an early season match with Augustana.

## in transitional year



center of the Wartburg-Waverly Sports and Wellness adium). Follow construction progress at www.go-

"Due to already hectic schedules, it was important to find consistent and quality areas close to the college for our teams and coaches to practice and compete," he noted.

"The coaching staff and athletes also need to be credited for how they are handling this," Willis added. "The situation presents a number of inconveniences. However, our goal is to provide the best possible situation for each team under the circumstances. Our coaches and student-athletes are demonstrating flexibility and perseverance. They are determined to have successful and enjoyable seasons."

## Hall named Alumni Coach of Year

Doug Hall '93, head men's basketball coach at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., received the 2006 John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year Award.

Last year, Hall led the Southwestern Moundbuilders to the overall conference and conference tournament championships. Southwestern ended the season with a first-round loss at the NAIA Division II national tournament. The 28 wins marked the second consecutive season of 20-or-more victories for the program and the most victories in school history.

"This is a great honor for me and my family," said Hall, now in his sixth year at Southwestern. "I always felt that it was the best decision I ever made when I chose Wartburg. Coach (Louis "Buzz") Levick was a great mentor to me on and off the court, and I am grateful he nominated me for this award."

Before taking over as head coach at SWC, Hall was an assistant for five years under Brad Horstmann '92. Prior to joining the Southwestern staff, he was a corporate sales coordinator for the Detroit Pistons for two years.



**COACH OF THE YEAR** – John Kurtt '53, retired Wartburg athletic director and coach, presents the John Kurtt Alumni Coach of the Year Award to Doug Hall '93.

## **SPORTS**

## **Duchman receives** prestigious award

Kyle Duchman '08 of Cedar Falls, Iowa, was one of four NCAA Division III studentathletes named to this year's American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.



The program honors players for their dedication and commitment to community service

Duchman is a junior wide receiver for the Knights. He was an intern at the Sartori Hospital emergency room in Cedar Falls, has been heavily involved in his local church and has served as a little league umpire.

A biology major with a 4.0 grade point average, Duchman is also an integral part of the Wartburg community, assisting students in the biology and physics department as a student instructor.

"He's probably got the highest football IQ on our team," said head football coach Eric Koehler. "Kyle's very intelligent—a student of the game—which in turn enables us to use him in different situations. He's a very versatile player."

Duchman is the second Wartburg football player to earn the honor. Former linebacker Matt Stoffel '04 of Pella, Iowa, earned the award during his senior season. The AFCA names two 11-man Good Works Teams, one from Division I-A and one representing players from Divisions I-AA, II, III and the NAIA.

#### Wartblog

Established in 1962, the Alumni Coach of the Year Award recognizes Wartburg graduates who have excelled in high school and college coaching. A complete list of recipients is available at www.go-knights.net/ awards/coach.html.

## **SPORTS**

# Women's basketball tour provides special connection

Jessica Kugler '07 of Waterloo, Iowa, saw a lifetime of emotions cross her father's face during a summer tour of Germany with the Wartburg women's basketball team.

She and her parents, Bill and Jackie, made a trek to their grandfather's childhood home near Heidelberg as part of the August trip led by head women's basketball coach Bob Amsberry and the Rev. Larry Trachte '66, college pastor.

"My grandfather talked a lot with my dad about the experiences he had in Germany during World War II," Kugler said. "Although my dad usually never takes two straight weeks off from his construction business, he felt it was important to go over and see where my grandfather had spent part of his life."

Kugler's great-grandfather, Oskar, was an architect in Germany. During World War II, he lived much of his life on the run to avoid the Nazis, who sought young professionals as potential officers.

"He had to flee to several other countries during the war," Kugler said. Her grandfather, also named Oskar, experienced the tribulations of the war and the subsequent division of Germany before emigrating to the United States and sharing these experiences with his son.

The Kuglers trip was to a peaceful and reunited Germany. "It was great for (my father)," Kugler said. "Our group would always be looking behind us, because Dad would be talking with a native in German. He really wanted this to be special, and, by the look on his face, it was."

## McCullough introduces 3-sport challenge to campus

by Mark Adkins '90

Dr. David McCullough's tri-athlete career started in Texas as a way to keep up with his wife, Janet.

"She had been a triathlete for several years, competing at the international level several times, before we met during my postdoctoral work in Galveston," explained McCullough, who joined the Wartburg biology faculty in 1998.

As a result, the former high school and college runner and University of Dallas national cross country qualifier decided to add two more sports to his repertoire.

"It was tough early on to add cross training in swimming and biking to my running regimen," he said. "However, it actually helped me alleviate some chronic running injuries, since I was regularly alternating between muscle groups during the course of a week."

Tri-athletes have several options in competition. The sprint event typically features a 1K swim, 24K bike ride and 5K run.

From that point, distances increase markedly. The Olympic event requires a 1.5K swim, 40K bike ride and 10K run. The long-course half-Ironman and Ironman events range up to 2-mile swims, 112-mile bike rides and full marathon runs (26.2 miles).

"Triathalons are becoming more popular," McCullough said. "Ironman Hawaii, which is the world standard of the sport, has a



McCullough

cutoff of 2,000 entrants but usually gets almost five times that many applicants."

McCullough said the challenge is the allure. "You say to yourself 'I can do one or two things well and maybe, if I'm lucky, not sink to the bottom in the swim' and then find yourself giving it a chance. In itself, finishing is a goal for many triathletes."

McCullough says triathalons are also more popular on campus, and several students through the years have become involved.

His colleague,
Dr. Stephanie Toering,
assistant professor of biology,
is a triathlete. Current track
and field athletes BrieAnn
Reedy '07 of Emmetsburg,
Iowa, and Megan Rempe '07
of Spencer, Iowa, also
compete.

"I talk to students about the positives of cross training and leave it up to them to take advantage of it," McCullough said. "There have even been attempts at forming a triathlete club."

Recently, McCullough has concentrated on biathalon competition, in which athletes run, bike and run again, as a way of preparing for his next triathalon.

"Biathalons are good for me," he said. "Biking and running are two things I do well."



**FOUR IN A ROW** — Wartburg won its fourth consecutive lowa Conference all-sports trophy, representing success in men's and women's athletics during the 2005-06 season. Rick Willis, director of athletics, presented the trophy to Wartburg President Jack R. Ohle at the annual Athletic Booster Club golf outing in August.

## New students with alumni parents

New Students with alumni parents		
Parent	Student	Hometown
1969		
Gerald Heying Murray McMurray	Emily Elizabeth	Marshalltown, Iowa Webster City, Iowa
1970 Jane Ward	Zachary	Waterloo, Iowa
1972		
Terrance Linskey Henry Wellnitz Lorene (Kuhl) Wellnitz	Peter Carey-Linskey Saturno Hechavarria Saturno Hechavarria	Little Canada, Minn. Waterloo, Iowa Waterloo, Iowa
1973 John Wuertz	Hanne	Waverly, Iowa
1975 Sandra (Fredrickson) Damm James Haage	Jessica Kerry	Forest City, Iowa Muscatine, Iowa
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Ann (Ressler) Grafft	Reese	Osage, Iowa
Pamela (Grimsbo) Kapple Gene Niewoehner	Tate Laura	Parnell, Iowa Sumner, Iowa
Daniel Peterson	Nathan	Imogene, Iowa
1977 Colorto (Docksor) Dunham	Aaron	Honkinton Jorga
Colette (Decker) Dunham Ross Grafft	Aaron Reese	Hopkinton, Iowa Osage, Iowa
Deborah (Ehlers) Sloan	Christina	Boise, Idaho
Gregory Smith	Rebecca	Peoria, Ill.
1978 Phon do (Soore) Joseph	Dorole	Vieter Torre
Rhonda (Sears) Jack Malinda (Rosdail) Johnson	Derek Lacey	Victor, Iowa Ankeny, Iowa
Karen (Strempke) Post	Scott	Titonka, Iowa
Scott Radechel	Derek	Goldfield, Iowa
John Sloan	Christina	Boise, Idaho
Susan (Severson) Smith Scott Whitcome	Lisa Clint	Bethany, Okla. Waverly, Iowa
1979 Karen (Matthias) Jones	Jennifer	Waverly, Iowa
1980		
Kay (Wilson) Kiler Suz (Roelfs) Smith	Nicole Rebecca	Rowley, Iowa Peoria, Ill.
1981		
Lisa (Evert) Dasen	Emily	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Robert Reiter	Kendra	Littleton, Colo.
Debra (Andersen) Turner  1982	Kristi	Prior Lake, Minn.
Lori (Greenley) Draude	Austin	Pleasant Hill, Iowa
Angela (Bartz) Gurius	Michael	Slater, Iowa
Keith Gurius	Michael	Slater, Iowa
R. Scott Kinseth	Katie	Independence, Iowa
Vanessa (Kromminga) Reiter	Kendra	Littleton, Colo.
Timothy Tarmann 1983	Dane	Cambridge, Minn.
Kenneth Arnold	Mary	Sheldon, Iowa
Beth (Biedermann) Barnett	Brittanie	Annandale, N.J.
Laurel (Lowe) Bienemann	Megan	Alburnett, Iowa
Nancy (Wise) Higgins	Amanda	Waverly, Iowa
Rona (Ford) Johnson Mark Merritt	Eric Benjamin	Osage, Iowa Fridley, Minn.
Scot Simpson	Cody	Waverly, Iowa
1984		
Mary (Allsup) Arnold	Mary	Sheldon, Iowa
Richard Barnett Bruce Rickert	Brittanie Ellen	Annandale, N.J. Hudson, Iowa
1985		
Julee (Orluske) Orluske-Albers	Spencer Albers	Platteville, WI
Carl Uhlenhopp Sarah (Crupper) VanderWerf	Caitlin Kelsey	Marion, Iowa Charles City, Iowa
1986 Julie (Waltmann) Moniz	Joshua	Medicar Labo Mi
1987	Joshua	Madison Lake, Minn
James Draude	Austin	Pleasant Hill, Iowa
1988 Dawn (Drowes) Cross	Doshan	C . D

Bethany

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Center Point, Iowa

Center Point, Iowa

Dawn (Drewes) Creed

Garry Creed, Jr.

## Travel with Wartburg

#### **Capital Cities of Europe** June 29-July 15

Space is limited for this tour of London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Berlin and all the great cities and sites between. Family and friends are also welcome.

The total tour package includes roundtrip airfare from Chicago to London, with return from Berlin; 15 nights accommodations at first class hotels; deluxe private motor coach transportation



The London Eye

throughout the tour; most meals; and much more. The cost is \$5,349 per person, based on double occupancy. There is an additional charge for those who request single rooms.

For more information, go to http://www.wartburg.edu/ alumni/WartburgCapitalCitiesTour2007B.pdf or call Short's Travel at 800-274-6787.

### Alumni board nominations requested

Nominations for the Wartburg Alumni Association Board will be accepted until Feb. 1. A slate of seven nominees will be submitted by the nominating committee to the alumni board at its May meeting.

The four-year term of service will begin June 1 and run through May 30, 2011. Individuals interested in being considered should contact Todd Coleman, director of alumni and parent programs, at todd.coleman@wartburg.edu for a job description and more information.

### Alumni citation nominations wanted

The Wartburg Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the 2007 Alumni Citation Award. Please visit www.wartburg.edu/alumni./alumnicitation.html for information on the award and to download the nomination form. Nomination deadline is Feb. 1, 2007. For more information, contact Todd Coleman, director of alumni and parent programs, todd.coleman@wartburg.edu or call 1-800-772-2085, ext. 8491.

### **Alumni Directory update**

If your "vital statistics" have changed since the publication of the 2006 Alumni Directory or there was an error in your listing, send the corrected information to alumni@wartburg.edu or Alumni and Parent Programs, 100 Wartburg Blvd., Waverly, IA 50677-0903.

## KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

## Albers honored at Johnson Institute Founders Dinner

The Rev. Dr. Robert Albers '62, of St. Paul, Minn., received the Irene and Wheelock Whitney Award in October.

The award honors a person who has participated in "Advancing the Understanding of Faith and Science in Addiction, Prevention and Recovery." Albers is a noted seminary professor, author, lecturer and pastor.

Surrounded by his wife, children, grandchildren, extended family, peers from the Luther Seminary and students, Albers made special tribute to the memory of his son, who was killed in an automobile accident eight years ago.

"Recovery is discovery of new life, an experience of grace in action," Albers said. "We can never rest on our laurels; rather we are inspired by what has transpired thus far. In marking progress on the path, we are concomitantly energized for the challenge that lies ahead. Recovery requires a multifaceted and multidisciplinary effort because of the nature of addiction. For those of us who are privileged to be a part of this continuing effort, we are both grateful and humbled to each play our part in this effort as long as there is still one person and one family suffering the deleterious effects of the illness. The celebration of healing and health is always appropriate, particularly if it gives rise to renewed efforts to fulfill the vision and the mission that lay before us."

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau welcomed the more than 225 attendees, extending greetings from Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

The Johnson Institute's mission is to promote the power and



The Rev. Dr. Albers (right)

possibility of recovery from alcoholism and other drug dependence through identification and elimination of barriers to recovery.

Throughout its 40-year history, the Johnson Institute has pioneered practices that enhance awareness, intervention, treatment and recovery from alcohol and other drug addiction. Founded by Vernon Johnson in 1965, the Johnson Institute mobilizes and trains people in recovery for advocacy campaigns, conducts policy research and promotes congregational team ministries through its offices in Minneapolis, Austin, Texas, and Washington, D.C.

The institute also honored U.S. Congressman Jim Ramstad with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"Tonight's honorees highlight our two primary programs," said Johnny W. Allem, Johnson Institute president and CEO. "Our Faith Partners congregational teams engage the faith community in prevention, intervention, referral and recovery support endeavors. Our Recovery Ambassadors are people in recovery, their friends and their families in civic engagement, who get special training to support the policy changes."

#### 1949

The Rev. RICHARD and VERA HOCK '51 SCHWARZ, Elwood, Neb., celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 29 at St. John Lutheran Church, Eustis, Neb.

#### 1952

HERB HILDEBRANDT, Ann Arbor, Mich., was re-write editor and contributed to Written Communication Across Cultures, a book written by Chinese colleague Zhu Yunxia of the University of Queensland, Australia.

The Rev. HAROLD and KATHY ZAISER OELSCHLAGER, Eau Claire, Wis., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 3 at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The Rev. LLOYD ZIEBARTH, Millersburg, Mich., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary in February, the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Wartburg Seminary in May and his 50th ordination anniversary in July.

#### 1953

CHARLES LUTZ, Minneapolis, Minn., received the S.C. Micheifelder Award for Christian Service from Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, during June Commencement ceremonies. The award is given in memory of a U.S. Lutheran leader in global ministries.

#### 1960

Dr. RON BECKMAN,
Westminster, Colo., is a gift
planning officer with the Good
Shepherd Fund, San Jose, Calif.
His article, "Persons with
Disabilities," was published in
Volume 4 of The Encyclopedia of
Christianity, William E.
Eerdmans Publishing.

Dr. GALEN and Jayne EIBEN, Shell Rock, Iowa, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 9. Galen is retired from the Wartburg biology department, and Jayne is retired from the Wartburg library. DARLENE ARNS GRING, Michigan City, Ind., was honored for 25 years as Associate in Ministry by the Indiana-Kentucky Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. A teacher for 31 years, she currently teaches kindergarten at St. Paul Lutheran School, Michigan City.

JACQUIE BOWERS McTAGGART, Independence, Iowa, has been a featured speaker at more than a dozen conferences, including the International Reading Association State Conference. She also teaches part-time at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, and Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Her articles have appeared in Parenting, Better Homes and Gardens, the New York Times, Reading Today, The Catholic Teacher, on several Web sites, and in parenting brochures.

#### 1963

The Rev. GERALD STAEHLING, St. Cloud, Minn., retired from parish ministry June 30. His farewell at Atonement Lutheran Church was on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

#### 1969

RODNEY HOLT, Mayville, Wis., retired after 37 years of teaching science and biology at Mayville High School. He also taught human anatomy and physiology on a part-time basis to nursing students at Matian College, Fond du Lac, Wis., and Moraine Park Technical College, West Bend, Wis.

#### 1970

JOYCE BRIDGES
BORGLUM, Waverly, Iowa, retired in May after 36 years of teaching at Margaretta Carey Elementary School. She spent the first five years teaching first grade, then moved to kindergarten for the remainder of her career.

#### 1971

STEVEN NOAH, West Des Moines, Iowa, was named vice president for advancement at William Penn University, Oskaloosa, July 1.

#### 1973

SUE SHANKLAND, Waverly, Iowa, retired in May after 33 years of teaching high school business education classes in the Goose Lake and Waverly-Shell Rock school districts.

#### 1974

MARY BAST DODSON, Venango, Neb., was honored June 24 at the American Legion Convention in North Platte as the 2006 Nebraska Teacher of the Year. The award recognized her work over the years in promoting the organization's Americanism essay and the oratorical contest. An educator for 30 years, she currently teaches speech and English at Grant High School, Grant. Her first book, *Prismatic Edges*, was published this year.

REBECCA WILDEBUER HEMPHILL, Creston, Iowa, has returned from a mission trip to Maracaibo, Venezuela, where she was involved in promoting new churches in Indian villages, food distributions, prayer, carnivals and youth cancer ward visitation. In addition to her work as a substitute teacher, she is available for presentations about the trip.

#### 1975

RICHARD BRENTON, Dubuque, Iowa, is enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree program at Wartburg Theological Seminary. He was previously employed by the Kansas Ciry Area Transportation Authoriry for more than 12

MARK GUTHRIE is assistant men's track coach at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was formerly head track coach at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

ROMAN LUBINECKY, Wesley Chapel, N.C., was promoted to business development director for Global Steel.

BRENDA OPPERMAN PIEPER, Joplin, Mo., is director of inpatient therapy with Freeman Health System.

#### 1976

LEE KIRKEGAARD, Salem, Ore., is a choral director in the Salem Keizer Public Schools. Last spring, his choir was chosen as "Best in the Northwest," at a University of Portland festival involving choirs from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

#### 1977

CRAIG IHNEN, West Des Moines, Iowa, was inducted into the National Educational Theatre Hall of Fame (EdTA), Denver, Colo., in September. Only 64 individuals have received this recognition. Craig is executive director of the Iowa High School Speech Association and a national leadership coach for EdTA

GRANT and Laurie LEHMANN, Bangor, Mich., announce the birth of Summer Lynn, Aug. 21. She joins Gatlin, 2.

SHARON HOFFMANN WAMBOLD, Reinbeck, Iowa, has opened Tranquility on Main, a business featuring two massage therapists, a Reike master and a reflexologist.

#### 1979

ALICE MERRICK BACHAND, Clyde, Kan., is the 2006 Kansas Association of School Librarians District IV Director and Council Member.

#### 1980

JILL GREMMELS and Bob Kays, Waverly, Iowa, were married, July 8, at Isle Royale National Park, Michigan.

DAVID MUELLER, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, is with Lutheran World Service as the director, coordinator and chief representative for Cambodia community development. RICK VOGEL, Marshalltown, Iowa, purchased the Johnston Funeral Home, Conrad.

#### 1981

CRAIG BAHLMANN and Martha "Micky" Kingery, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 17. Craig is a financial services representative with New York Life.

MARTY BUCHHEIM, Chicago, Ill., is a managing consultant with the strategy and change practice of IBM's Global Business Services.

GREGG MOHL, Clinton, Iowa, is the activities director and 7-12 guidance at Northeast Goose Lake High School, Goose Lake.

WENDY ROEHLKE,
Richfield, Minn., completed a
master's degree in library and
information science in May
from Dominican University,
River Forest, Ill. She is a
corporate information specialist
at UCare Minnesota,
Minneapolis.

DAVE UNMACHT, Eagan, Minn., received the Minnesota City/County Management Association's Dr. Robert A. Barrett Award for Management Excellence in May. The highest honor awarded to Association members, it recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the local government management profession.

#### 1982

DAVE ARNS, Waverly, Iowa, is head girls' basketball coach at Waverly-Shell Rock High School.

MYRNA JOHNSON, Boston, Mass., is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at the Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government.

#### 1983

CAROLYN McCLURE ROYS, South Elgin, Ill., was elected secretary of the Illinois School Library and Media Specialist Association after finishing a two-year term as a board member. She is an executive board member for the Abraham Lincoln Illinois High School Book Award and lead librarian at Lake Park High School, Roselle, Ill.

STEVEN SCHULZ, Carroll, Iowa, was named provost at the Carroll Campus of Des Moines Area Community College. For the past two years, he has been coordinator of the DMACC/University of Northern Iowa 2 Plus 2 program, which allows students to earn a bachelor's degree at the Carroll Campus.

#### 1984

JAMES BRITTON, Eau Claire, Wis., received a master's degree in education of teaching and learning in May from St. Mary's University, Winona, Minn. He is a physical education/health instructor and athletic director at Chippewa Falls Middle School.

#### 1986

DOUG BOWMAN, Waverly, Iowa, was named 2006
Outstanding Admissions
Professional of the Year by the Iowa Association of Admissions
Counselors. Bowman was dean of admissions and financial aid at Wartburg and now serves as senior admissions consultant.

Dr. JESSE LUTABINGWA has been named associate vice chancellor for international programs at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

#### 1987

Jon and KARRI LOWE CHENEY, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., announce the birth of Elijah James, March 28. He joins Brienna, 11, Micah, 8, and Isaiah, 5.

MATTHEW
WEISSENBUEHLER, Denver,
Colo., is director of software
product development for MDC
Holdings.

#### 1988

SHELLY DIRKS CRADDOCK, Largo, Fla., is statewide vice president of the Florida Center for Assisted Living and received the organization's State of Florida Assisted Living Administrator of the Year award. A health care administrator for the past 17 years, she is employed by Freedom Square.

RICH and Erin GORDON, Brooklyn Park, Minn., announce the birth of Sarah Elizabeth, March 18. She joins Noah, 9, and twins, Lucas and Caleb, 7.

Ronald and NANCY McFADDEN HERBER, Tacoma, Wash., announce the birth of Anna Jean, April 8. Nancy is a registered licensed occupational therapist (OTR/L) at Western State Hospital.

RANDALL and Tracy HERSOM, Urbandale, Iowa, announce the birth of Nathaniel Paul, Jan. 16, 2004. Randall is a public accountant with Ernst & Young, Des Moines.

#### 1989

MELISSA BONSTEAD-BRUNS, Eau Claire, Wis., was granted tenure and promotion in the sociology department at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Scott and Dr. BRENDA HOVE HOUG, Waukon, announce the birth of Lynsey Mae, April 18. She joins Logan, 5, and Hailey, 2 1/2.

#### 1990

ANGIE HEUCK, Stevens
Point, Wis., was named 2005
Entrepreneur of the Year by the
Portage County Business
Council. Angie has owned
Advantage Communications &
Design, a marketing
communications company, since

#### 1991

DAWN CUTSFORTH
HUCKE and her husband,
Steve, Byron, Minn., request
prayers for their daughter,
Danielle, who was diagnosed
with cancer in May 2006 and is
undergoing treatment at Mayo
Clinic, where Dawn is an
internal audit coordinator.

## KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS





Never Say Die: Life Over Death Edition by Alex Avila, editor; the Rev. David Kalke '70, contributor

Kirk House, 2006 ISBN: 1933794003

Drawing on the work of 60 youths and adults, this book illustrates the ministry of Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino, Calif., where Kalke is

executive director. Orders received at www.kirkhouse.com benefit CCLM.



Muscle and Manliness: The Rise of Sport in American Boarding Schools by Axel Bundgaard, chair of physical education, 1947-1961

Syracuse University Press, August 2005 ISBN: 0815630824

Bundgaard chronicles the proliferation of organized sports in boarding schools.



*It's About Time* by Dennis Brown '66

Author House, 2006 ISBN: 1425938477

This book is not about time management and multitasking, it's about the value of time.

Have you published a book recently? Contact Karris Golden at karris.golden@wartburg.edu or 319-352-8277.

Mike and BRENDA EVERSON LICHUCKI, Holmen, Wis., announce the birth of Camden John, Oct. 29. He joins Lindsey, 6, Logan, 4, and Choloe, 2.

BRENDA LOWRY and Andy Day, Solon, Iowa, were married March 29 in Negril, Jamaica. Brenda is a teacher and volleyball coach.

TODD and MICHELE SWEENEY REINHARDT, Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Roman Michael, March 14. RICK and Sheila TIBBOTT, Manchester, Iowa, announce the birth of Eadie Shaye, March 18. She joins Ian, 5, and Elias, 3. Rick is the high school band director at Starmont Community Schools, Strawberry Point.

#### 1992

DEANN GEITZ GEISTLER, Norwalk, Iowa, is an investment product advisor with The Principal Global Investors. Dr. SCOTT HENDRICKSON is director of the pre-law program and assistant professor of public law at Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa.

Captain JOHN HINTZ, Colorado Springs, Colo., is serving in Baqubah, Iraq.

Jay and COLLEEN HAAS JOHNSON, Fairbault, Minn., announce the birth of Emma Rose, May 3.

ERIKA JOHNSON-ALPERN, Littleton, Colo., is a school counselor at Moody Elementary in the Littleton Public Schools.

TODD LETSCHE and NICOLE LANG '93, Maple Grove, Minn., were married July 16, 2005, in the Wartburg Chapel.

Tim and DAYCE WESENBERG McANDREWS, Onalaska, Wis., announce the birth of Emma Sophia, Aug. 31, 2005. She joins Kennerh, 3. Dayce teaches eighth-grade ESL at Holmen Middle School,

JOHN and Stephanie MOHAN, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Andrew John, April 12.

Jeff and SUZANNE YUNKER MONTGOMERY, Lino Lakes, Minn., announce the birth of Amanda Sue, April 7. She joins Jacob, 8, Rebecca, 6, and Annalise, 2. Suzanne is a Creative Memories unit leader.

Dr. JAREN VANDEKIEFT, Rochester, Minn., completed an M.B.A. degree from Cardinal Stritch University in August. He is a systems analyst at Mayo Clinic.

#### 1993

JONATHON HENNINGS, Waverly, Iowa, received a B.S.N. degree from Allen College of Nursing, May 6. He has been accepted into the Allen College master's degree program for nurse practitioners. He continues as minister at Peace United Church of Christ in Waverly and activity center director at the Salvation Army, Waterloo.

DIANE BARBER NEUZIL, Charles City, Iowa, is financial project coordinator for Charles City Community Development, helping the city and other community organizations identify and tap into potential funding sources.

KATE LINBERG SCHOELL, Lisle, Ill., has been promoted to senior logistics project manager with HAVI Global Solutions, Downers Grove.

GARY and Nicole VOGT, Coralville, Iowa, announce the birth of twins, Emily Ann and Alexis Eileen, May 20.

#### 1994

BRAD BUCHHOLZ, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to program manager in the community support services

program at Exceptional Persons,

CARL BUMP, Johnston, Iowa, received his Master of Public Administration degree on May 14 from Drake University, Des Moines.

MARK FRANZEN is the new head men's basketball coach at Luther College. He was previously head men's basketball coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln.

CHRISTIAN and ELISE HARDY '96 KLOSTER, Lockport, Ill., announce the birth of Aidan Bryce, July 16. He joins Ethan, 5, and Tyler, 3. Chris is vice president, secondary marketing, with 21st Century Mortgage Bankers, Westmont.

THAD and JUSTINA LAMB
'97 LOEB, DeSoto, Iowa,
announce the birth of Maribelle
Marie, July 1. She joins
Quintin, 2. Thad received a
master's degree in specialeducation in May from Drake
University, Des Moines.

STACEY BURKHARDT
MEARDON, Des Moines,
Iowa, is pursuing a Ph.D.
degree in health and human
performance at Iowa State
University. She does teaching
and research as a graduate
assistant and works as a physical

therapist and athletic trainer for Iowa Health Des Moines.

Scott and LAURA TIDBALL OAKLEY, Davenport, Iowa, announce the birth of Seth Charles, April 24. He joins Samuel, 5, and Betsy, 2.

CHRIS and TINA BEHNKE '95 RISTAU, Denver, Iowa, announce the birth of Reeve Christina, Aug. 29. She joins Leah, 5, and Chloe, 3.

ROB and Jana UMBAUGH, Greeley, Colo., announce the birth of Cooper Jalen, July 12.

BRIAN VAN HAUEN, Liberty, Mo., was selected as defensive coordinator for the Greater Kansas City Football Coaches Association Missouri-Kansas All-Star Game in June. He is defensive coordinator at Liberty High School.

#### 1995

The Rev. KRISTEN CAPEL and Daniel Coyle, Rosemount, Minn., announce the birth of Amelia, Sept. 1. She joins Annika, 4. Kristen is pastor at Easter Lutheran Church, Eagan.

JEFF and Monica LYNCH, Waukee, Iowa, announce the birth of Coleson Parris, June 13. He joins Jackson, 7, Maeson, 5, and Pierson, 2.

JENNIFER BLOCK MILLS, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a registered product development consultant at Principal Financial Group.

Shaun and AMY BOSSARD RYAN, West Burlington, Iowa, announce the birth of Brin Bailey, April 17. She joins Meghan, 6, and Shelby, 2. Amy is a school counselor at New London Middle/High School.

#### 1996

LAURA GUTMANN ALEXANDER, Duluth, Ga., is a medical social worker with Odyssey Health Care, Atlanta.

SHIEU YE AU, Selangor, Malaysia, completed her M.B.A. degree in international business from the University of East London, United Kingdom, in May. LORI MELAAS BUHR and TOM BUHR '97, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Caden Lucas, Aug. 2. He joins Taylor, 2 1/2. Tom graduated with an executive M.B.A. degree in May 2005 from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Duaine and MARCIA TERBEEST CARLTON, Herrin, Ill., announce the birth of Logan Reese, April 11. He joins Makayla, 2.

Dr. TIMOTHY DETTMER, Mason City, Iowa, is now board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology.

MARTY and Ann FREDERICKS, West Des Moines, Iowa, announce the birth of Ava Lynn, July 18. Marty is a senior manager with Kiesling Associates LLP.

SARA LIEN HAGEN, Lake Mills, Iowa, works in marketing and sales support with Larson Contracting.

ERIC HANSON and Leslie Blecken, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married July 8. Eric is a reporter for KCCI-TV in Des Moines.

JULIE HOY, Ames, Iowa, completed her Ph.D. degree in biophysics and is now doing postdoctoral work at Iowa State

WADE NIEWOEHNER and Lisa Stritesky, Keota, Iowa, were married Aug. 6.

SHERRY JACK REIFENSTAHL, Dysart, Iowa, is a school psychologist with Area Education Agency 267, serving Union Community Schools and North Tama County Community School District.

KELLY SCHROCK, Waterloo, Iowa, was promoted to manager of Waldenbooks at Crossroads

CINDY SCHUTTER and James Stanberg, Fort Dodge, Iowa, were married July 15.

TINA NADERMAN STREIF and Dr. ERIC STREIF '97, Farley, Iowa, announce the birth of Elijah Jon, May 26. He joins Jalyn, 4, and Aaliyah, 2. Tina

works for the Department of Human Services, Dubuque. Eric is a veterinarian with Tri-Vet Associates, Inc., Farley.

STEPHEN "BEVO" TAYLOR, Nashville, Tenn., owns his own personal fitness training business and competes as a professional Ironman triathlete.

#### 1997

JILL GROSSARDT and Bill Werst, South Barrington, Ill., were married Nov. 5, 2005. Jill is technical director at Willow Creek Community Church.

The Rev. JUDY HESTERBERG and Dan Brennan, Louisville, Ky., were married July 1.

NATE and JESSICA PRIES '98 HEYING, Boone, Iowa, announce the birth of Grace Ella, Nov. 15, 2005. She joins Emma, 3. Nate is principal of Boone Middle School, and Jessica teaches fifth-grade mathematics at Franklin Elementary School in Boone.

LEAH LENHART and JUDD HEIDEMANN '98, West Des Moines, Iowa, were married Dec. 3, 2004. They announce the birth of Tate Dale, March 28.

Dr. PAUL and Hope MOELLER, Burlington, Conn., announce the birth of Owen Andrew, July 5. He joins Max, 4, and Sam, 3.

#### 1998

ERIC ALLEN and Ryan McGinn, Rochester, N.Y., were married July 1. Eric is a William E. Simon Leadership Fellow in the M.B.A. program at the University of Rochester Simon Graduate School of Business.

TIM and BRIGID ARNOLD CHRISTIANSON, Sheffield, Iowa, announce the birth of Mary Brynn, Jan. 18. She joins Delaney, 1 1/2.

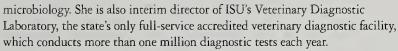
CHRISTIANNA FINNERN-HUNT and David Hunt, Minneapolis, Minn., announce the birth of Benjamin David, June 22. Christianna is a

## ISU honoree began microbiology career at Wartburg

Dr. Lorraine Johnson Hoffman '66 of Ames, Iowa, received the William P. Switzer Award in Veterinary Medicine at the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine's 2006 Research Day in August.

The award recognizes exemplary individuals who through their achievements have made significant contributions to society or to the enhancement of the College of Veterinary Medicine.

Hoffman is well known for her extensive research in



"She is an excellent microbiologist, teacher, adviser, mentor, diagnostician, researcher and university citizen," said Dr. Nolan Hartwig, extension veterinarian, who nominated her for the award. He added that "in a time when the veterinary student population has shifted from predominately male to predominately female, Hoffman has served as an important adviser for women in the veterinary profession."

After earning her bachelor's degree from Wartburg, Hoffman completed her master's and doctoral degrees at ISU. She joined the College of Veterinary Medicine as a research associate and bacteriologist in the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and became a faculty member in 1975. Now a professor in the department of veterinary diagnostic and production animal medicine, she is an honorary diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists.

Hoffman is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. She serves as an editorial reviewer for the American Journal of Veterinary Research, the Journal of Swine Health and Production and the Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation.



Dr. Hoffman poses with Dr. William P. Switzer, for whom the award she received is named.

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business and commercial litigation attorney with Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.

Ignacia and JENNIFER BREKKE FUENTES, North Mankato, Minn., announce the birth of Andre Yessid, May 6. Jennifer is an outpatient physical therapist at Immanuel St. Joseph's Mayo Health System.

KYLE and CORRIE MAKI '99 KNUDSON, Elgin, Ill., announce the birth of Maija Patyn, April 3.

Tom Pavlini and JULIE LICKFELT, Bolingbrook, Ill., were married July 8 in Chicago. Julie is division chair for English/speech at Oswego High School, Oswego.

JULIE NYSTEL and T.J. Schendel, Des Moines, Iowa, were married May 6. Julie is a performance solutions manager with ITAGroup, West Des Moines.

CAM SCHUKTNECHT is the new head men's basketball coach at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln. He was previously an assistant coach.

#### 1999

MARTIN BARCLAY and Dr. Briana Benning, Bettendorf, Iowa, were married June 10. Martin is working on his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in vocal performance at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

AMY GEERTSEMA BEACH, Waverly, Iowa, received her master's degree in education administration from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, in May.

ADAM BELLIN and Adrien Libby, Norfolk, Va., were married May 20.

ANN CAMPBELL and Lee Hartman, Waterloo, Iowa, were married April 29. Ann is a training and development specialist at John Deere Waterloo Works.

MARC GROEN, Waverly, Iowa, is a school psychologist with Area Education Agency 267. Victor and ANGELA WESTERMANN GUTIERREZ, Katy, Texas, announce the birth of Victoria Caroline, May 4.

James and TRINA STEINES KNOCHE, Calamus, Iowa, announce the birth of Courtney Ann, May 3. She joins Chase, 3 1/2.

AARON and Kristen KOPEL, Indianapolis, Ind., announce the birth of Roman Rhodes, Aug. 20.

BILL KURICH, is head baseball coach at Webster University, St. Louis, Mo.

Tim and JAIME HAMANN OSGOOD, Park City, Mont., announce the birth of KallaiAnna, April 21. She joins Isaac, 3. Jaime is a stay-at-home mom.

Jason and JULIE LEONARD PEWE, Johnston, Iowa, announce the birth of Marissa, July 27.

LISA SHARPNCK, Winston Salem, N.C., is with Medtonic, Inc., as the field clinical research associate in the Carolinas.

RODGER WALSH and Jennifer Skogman, Marion, were married April 29.

JENNIFER WESSEL and Josh Pitigliano, Tipton, Calif., were married July 6 in Bass Lake. Jennifer is a dairy veterinarian for Mill Creek Veterinary Services, Visalia.

DEBRA BEHNE
WESTMORELAND, Waverly,
Iowa, was promoted to program
manager in the community
support services program at
Exceptional Persons, Inc.

SARAH WOLFGRAM and Jim Grazier, Englewood, Colo., were married Sept. 9. Sarah earned a master's degree in nonprofit management from Regis University in 2005. She is development director for Home Aid Colorado.

#### 2000

Dr. COURTNEY and Stephanie BOCHMANN, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Sydney Ann, April 3. Courtney was elected chief resident in the Mercy Family Medicine Residency Program, Mason City.

ANDREW BROBSTON received one of approximately 60 graduate school fellowships awarded by the University of Minnesota for doctoral study beginning this fall. He is pursuing a Doctor of Musical Atts degree in saxophone performance under the instruction of world-renowned saxophonist Eugene Rousseau. Andrew completed a Master of Fine Arts degree in saxophone performance from the University of Iowa in May.

Bryce and KATHRYN PETERSON COBURN, Radcliffe, Iowa, announce the birth of Pere Joshua, June 6.

CASEY and Michele DOYLE, Waverly, Iowa, announce the birth of Abigail Ray, Aug. 21. She joins Shay, 2.

BRITTA MONSON FISHER, Wheat Ridge, Colo., is director of community and small business development at Wheat Ridge 2020, a nonprofit community and economic development organization.

LYNDI FLUGUM, Ankeny, Iowa, received her Master of Science degree in adult learning, performance and development from Drake University, Des Moines, last spring. She is registrar at Grand View College, Des Moines.

MICHAEL and Carrie FRANZMAN, Iowa City, Iowa, announce the birth of Gabe, June 28. He joins Avery, 2.

CORRIE STROTTMAN
GADE and WES GADE '02,
Waverly, Iowa, announce the
birth of Sally Christine,
May 11. Corrie works at First
National Bank. Wes works at
CUNA Mutual.

JOSH GREUBEL, Park View, Iowa, is instrumental music director at Assumption High School, Davenport.

KARA MILLS GROEN, Waverly, Iowa, is with Amenity Hospice and provides clinical supervision for Wartburg College music therapy students. HEATHER KOZAK JOHNSON, Waverly, Iowa, is director of community relations and admissions at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community.

Paul and SARAH LUHRS KALER, Wausau, Wis., announce the birth of Leah Noelle, March 21. Sarah is the owner and operator of Leaders Services, a recruiting and marketing company.

Dustin and CRISTIN McBURNEY LANTZ, Mitcheliville, Iowa, announce the birth of Isaac Taylor, July 12.

Jeremy and CHRISTA PETERSEN LOTTS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Devon William, Aug. 4. He joins Jered, 2. Christa is a physical therapist with Covenant Sports Injury Center.

BETSY NEFF LUCK and KELLY LUCK '01, Oskaloosa, Iowa, announce the birth of Reid David, June 24.

SARAH MAIFIELD and Michael Villarroel, San Diego, Calif., were married May 28. Sarah is finishing her pediatric residency at Balboa Naval Hospital, San Diego.

Tim and BECKY WHEAT NEWTON, Greene, Iowa, announce the birth of Molly Sue, May 6.

Rod and TARYN LAUER RYAN, Fairfield, Iowa, announce the birth of Hailey Jane, May 2. Taryn teaches kindergarten in Fairfield.

GREG SKOGE and Nicole Jones, Oakdale, Minn., were married Jan. 21.

NICOLE WILLIAMS and Daniel Stokes, Ames, Iowa, were married July 2. Nicole is a pediatric social worker with Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines.

#### 2001

Curtis and HEIDI MUELLER BARBER, DeWitt, Iowa, announce the birth of Delaney Brooke, July 12.

DAVID DEVINE and Jenelle Tally, Olathe, Kan., were married June 24. David is a loan officer with Capital One Home Loans.

AARON FEDDERSEN and Sarah Verbridge, Williamsburg, Iowa, were married May 20 in Windsor, Ontario. Aaron is a social studies teacher and coach at Williamsburg High School.

Matthew and JESSICA BRAITHWAITE FRANZEN, Miles, Iowa, announce the birth of Katelyn Marie, June 21. Jessica is a social worker with Mercy Homecare & Hospice, Clinton.

AMANDA PORTER GREUBEL, Park View, Iowa, is pursuing a master's degree in social work at St. Ambtose University, Davenport.

Pat and KERI DEPPE HENDERSON, Ames, Iowa, announce the birth of Reese Elizabeth, April 26. Keri is an EPA STAR fellow, working on a Ph.D. degree in toxicology at Iowa State University.

AARON and MEGAN RODGERS HORMAN, Lowden, Iowa, announce the birth of Carter Lee, May 21.

MARK and ANGIE WESSELS '03 HUBBARD, La Porte City, Iowa, announce the birth of Wesley Mark, July 16.

CHRIS KNUDSON, Waverly, Iowa, was selected as a professional judge for the Public Relations Student Society of America National Teahan Awards (newsletter category), the society's most prestigious awards.

Brian Leavitt and VANESSA LEVENHAGEN, Bettendorf, Iowa, were married July 15.

The Rev. SALLY MITCHELL, Prairie du Sac, Wis., received her Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg Theological Seminary May 14 and was ordained June 24 She is serving as associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church, Prairie du Sac.

Dr. BRANDON PATTEN and Corrie Ladwig were married May 20 in Spirit Lake, Iowa. Brandon is a dentist in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt based out of Norfolk, Va.

Marc and EMILY KIMM PENNINGTON, Wellman, Iowa, announce the birth of Nora Suzann, June 8. She joins Jackson, 3. Emily teaches fourth grade in the Clear Creek Amana School District.

ANGELA PETERS and Eric Hand, Lincoln, Neb., were married July 22. Angela is a senior scientist with Novartis Consumer Health.

RYAN and HEATHER JOHNSON '02 RAUSCH, New Hampton, announce the birth of Reid Joseph, May 20.

STEVE SCHUSTER, Chicago, Ill., is information technology development manager with PFG Forex.

Todd and NICOLE FUCHSEN THOMAS, Cedar Falls, Iowa, announce the birth of Natalie Faith, April 14. She joins Noel. 2.

MAREN KIESZKOWSKI TRETTIN, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a physical therapist with Mercy Medical Centers.

KRISTINA VOYNA,
Davenport, Iowa, earned her
M.B.A. degree in May 2005
from the University of Iowa,
Iowa City. She was promoted
to supervisor, deferred
compensation, with John Deere.

The Rev. JAIMIE WILSON, Falcon Heights, Minn., received his Master of Divinity degree from Luther Seminary May 28.

#### 2002

GRETCHEN BARTLETT, Knoxville, Tenn., traveled to Los Angeles in July to film an endorsement for a nationally televised infomercial marketing Sheer Cover, a Guthy Renker product line. Show times are available at www.sheercover.com.

ALYSSA CONNELL BECTHOLD, Nashua, Iowa, is public relations director at Hellmann, a national marketing, advertising and public relations firm headquartered in Waterloo with offices in St. Louis, Chicago and Minneapolis. Duane and SARAH BRUCE BOUSKA, Mason City, Iowa, announce the birth of Nevaeh Jean, March 11.

Nick and KATIE SCHATZ FERRIE, Cresco, Iowa, announce the birth of Ava Martha, May 1. She joins Audrey, 2.

ELIZABETH HADLER and Jay Cannon, Addison, Texas, were married June 3. Elizabeth is a supervisory senior certified public accountant with McGladrey & Pullen, L.L.P.,

Dr. CHRISTOPHER HILL, West Babylon, N.Y., earned a D.O. degree from Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center in May. He is completing an emergency medicine residency at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center, West Islip.

ELIZABETH JABEN
HOFFMAN, Stewartville,
Minn., received her M.D.
degree in May from the
University of Nebraska College
of Medicine. She is a resident
physician in pathology at Mayo
Clinic.

SARAH KASZINSKI and Marvin Jackson, Waukee, Iowa, were married Feb. 25. They announce the birth of Kiara Ranae, March 5. She joins Taryn, 1. Sarah is a prekindergarten teacher at Koalaty Time Daycare, Des Moines.

Brian and JANA HAHN KREGEL, Garnavillo, Iowa, announce the birth of Kaci Elizabeth, April 4.

MINDY ANDERSON KRUSEY, West Bend, Iowa, was promoted to claims examiner for the Central Team of Pharmacists Mutual.

SGT(P) MATTHEW
LEICHSENRING, Baghdad,
Iraq, is deployed with the 4th
Infantry Division Band as a
senior trombonist and noncommissioned officer in charge
of logistics and transportation.
He is augmenting the 4ID
Special Troops Battalion in
training Iraq's 6th Infantry
Division on operation/
maintenance and convoy
operations with the M1114 up
armored humvee.

## Alumnus receives Commission of Persons with Disabilities Award

Dr. Robert Stensrud '74 of Des Moines, Iowa, received the Governor's Award from the Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities.

The Governor's Award is the state's highest honor given to the Iowan with a disability who has done the most to enhance the empowerment and employment of individuals with disabilities.

Stensrud was recognized at an Oct. 6 ceremony for his "outstanding achievements in the world of work and significant contributions that increase public awareness of Iowans with disabilities."

An associate professor at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Stensrud has taught rehabilitation classes there for more than 15 years. He has worked as a rehabilitation counselor and as a manager in a community-based counseling center. He was on the faculty of St. Louis University's Hospital Administration program where he developed and managed the Executive Performance Lab, an executive assessment center and organizational consulting practice.

In nominating him, Stenrud's former students wrote:
"Dr. Stensrud is the kind of man who will not be thrilled to receive this award. Since he came to Drake University in 1988, he has written and received grants to train professionals to work with people with disabilities. He brings millions of dollars into the state of Iowa, and he mentors students but not for his own



Dr. Stensrud

glory. Dr. Stensrud needs to receive this award for exactly that reason. He has quite literally been the 'wind beneath the wings' of many of us working in the disability field in Iowa as well as across the country."

Stensrud has published more than 45 articles in professional journals on rehabilitation counseling, management and related topics.

Steve Wooderson, administrator of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, said Stensrud has been critical in influencing the new generation of rehabilitation counselors. Wooderson noted the nearly 20 years of service at Drake that has given Stensrud great credibility in the academic and practitioner world.

Allen Harris, director of the Iowa Department for the Blind, said Stensrud realized not all potential students could go to Des Moines for training and took his program to the students by holding classes in various parts of Iowa and out of state.

## KNIGHTS IN THE NEWS

ELIZABETH OSTING MATTHIES, Boone, Iowa, is pursuing 7-12 teaching licensure in family and consumer sciences at Iowa State University, Ames.

ERIK and TINA WOOD '03 NAAKTGEBOREN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, announce the birth of Kane Mitchell. He joins Tate, 2. Erik is a police officer in Hiawatha and was chosen to serve on the DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Team) team.

The Rev. SHERRIE NELSON and Matthew Lorbeck, St. Francis, Wis., were married June 24. Sherrie is awaiting a call in the Greater-Milwaukee Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

ELIZABETH MEYER SCHWADE, Lime Springs, Iowa, completed a master's degree in English May 6 from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. She teaches at Crestwood High School, Cresco.

Dr. LEAH SIEREN, Chesapeake, Va., received her M.D. degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine, Iowa City. She graduated with Research Distinction Honors, received the Department of Surgery Award, a Distinguished Student Service Award and a Communities for Excellence Award and was inducted into the Gold Humanism in Medicine Honor Society. She is now a resident in general surgery at the Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Va.

ABIGAIL STOCKHAM is completing a one-year research internship at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, studying malignant glioma. She will return to the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine to complete her fourth year of medical school in the fall of 2007.

JENNIFER AANONSON TANGE, St. Paul, Minn., earned a master's degree in occupational therapy from The College of St. Catherine. She is an occupational therapist for Fairview Community-Based Transitional Care in the Twin Cities area.

MIKE TRUESDELL, Waverly, Iowa, teaches first grade at West Cedar Elementary School and is assistant varsity girls' basketball coach at Waverly-Shell Rock High School. His wife, SARA STENSLAND TRUESDELL, is development director at the Waverly Health Center.

LINDY ZARS
WINTERSCHEIDT, Denver,
Iowa, is a communications
specialist with Cedar Valley
Hospice.

LYNNE TERBEEST ZOULEK, Washington, Iowa, is a substance abuse prevention specialist with the Washington Community School District.

#### 2003

KENDALL ALLEN, Dallas, Texas, is music director for the all-district children's choir in the Plano Independent School District. The Plano Children's Chorale has been invited to perform at the 2007 Texas Music Educator's Conference.

KEVIN BRATLAND was named head wrestling coach at North Central College in Naperville, Ill. Prior to taking this position, he was an assistant wrestling coach at Ohio Northern University.

MARIE CHRISTIANSEN, Winston-Salem, N.C., received her Master of Arts degree in speech-language pathology from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. She is a speech-language pathologist with the Wake Forest University School of Medicine and the Winston-Salem Children's Developmental Services Agency.

TINA ELLINGSON DARLING, Mabel, Minn., completed a Master of Science degree in counselor education from Winona State University in May. She is an employment service coordinator at The Spectrum Network, Decorah, Iowa.

TARA PENNA EBERLINE, Wichita, Kan., received her juris doctor degree in May from the University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City. She is with Foulston Siefkin, a Kansas law firm.

BEKKI GIESE and Alex Staack, Waverly, Iowa, were married Sept. 30.

RYAN HALUPNICK and KAELA BUCKNELL '05, Minnetonka, Minn., were married Oct. 8, 2005.

DEREK HEINS, West Union, Iowa, completed the 2006 Iowa School of Banking in Cedar Rapids. He is a loan officer and security officer at First National Bank.

CARRIE KRESS, Des Moines, Iowa, is a performance analyst with Principal Global Investors.

JEFF MARSH, Greensboro, N.C., is general manager for one of two Jimmy John's restaurant locations and is involved in franchising the restaurant.

JAMES MAY and Leslie Hartley, Waterloo, Iowa, were married May 20. James is with KXEL Broadcasting as a morning show co-host on ROCK 108-KFMW.

AUDRA RONSIEK and TRAVIS OLSON '06, Fitchburg, Wis., were married July 1.

Matthew and KRISTEN POTRATZ STRAYER, Sumner, Iowa, announce the birth of William Micah, June 2.

KJELL STURA and RACHEL DVORAK, Kansas City, Mo., were married June 3.

TARA NORBERG YOUNG, Dallas, Wis., was promoted to business unit sales representative at Chibardun Telephone, Cameron, Wis. The business unit provides IP phones systems, security systems and telecommunications solutions to large and small business customers.

#### 2004

HILIARY BAETHKE and JASON BURNS '05, Waverly, Iowa, were married July 1 in the Wartburg Chapel.

KEVIN BERG, Denver, Colo., is a regional admissions representative with Colorado State University-Pueblo, recruiting in Denver high schools and suburbs.

NICOLE BLECKWEHL, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW) outreach specialist with New Iowan Center.

HEID! BRUMM and Jason Leverton, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, were married June 24. Heidi graduated in May with a second B.A. in art education from the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

TIM DONAT and Alicia Rieger, Cedar Falls, Iowa, were matried June 3. Tim is a controller at Bruns Machine, Inc., and an M.B.A. graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa.

DAWN DRURY, Littleton, Colo., is pursuing a master's degree in counseling at Denver Seminary. She works for Joy House and Denver Works, Denver.

ALICIA FLUEGGE, New Ulm, Minn., is a music therapist.

BRADLEY HODAPP and KELSEY HARRISON '05, North Liberty, Iowa, were married July 1.

ADAM JOHNSON and RACHEL THURSBY '05, Iowa Falls, Iowa, were married June 10. Adam teaches second grade at Inman Primary School in the Red Oak Community School District.

NATHAN and RUTH FALINK KERL are English teachers in South Korea, Nathan in Shiheung and Ruth in Seoul.

JON KYTE, Monticello, Iowa, is a financial services planner with New York Life.

ALICIA MENEFEE, West Des Moines, Iowa, teaches elementary school music in the Indianola Community School District.

JOHN MOSBACH, El Segundo, Calif., received a Master of Science degree in sport management from the University of Tennessee in May. He is an academic counselor in the athletic department at the University of Southern California.

STEVEN NUS and Jennifer Rubner, Iowa City, Iowa, were married July 22.

KARA O'BRIEN, Champaign, Ill., graduated from Illinois State University in May with a Master of Science degree in clinical-counseling psychology. She is an addictions therapist with The Prairie Center, Urbana.

JARED PIRKL and KELLY WATKINS, Van Horne, Iowa, were married Aug. 26. Jared is a sixth-grade science teacher, assistant varsity boys' basketball coach and varsity baseball coach in the Benton Community School District, Norway. Keily is a kindergarten-second grade Title I teacher in the Vinton-Shellsburg School District, Vinton.

KATY PRALLE, West Des Moines, Iowa, is in customer service with J.C. Penney.

DEREK RILEY, Nashville, Tenn., received a master's degree in computer science from Vanderbilt University in May.

REBECCA SEABUL and Corydon McIntyre, Marshall, Wis., were married Sept. 10, 2005.

NATHAN SCHEIBE and Michelle Herrick, West Branch, Iowa, were married July 22.

EMILY STOLTMAN, Rochester, Minn., is an elementary teacher at Adam Abdulle Academy.

JENNIFER TIGGES, Oshkosh, Wis., is a graduate assistant in residence life at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and serves as an assistant hall director. She is pursuing a master's degree in educational leadership

CASSY DEARBORN
TOWNSLEY, Cedar Rapids,
Iowa, is a media secretary in the
library at Roosevelt Middle
School. She coaches soccer at
Franklin Middle School and
Xavier High School.

#### IN MEMORIAM

#### 1927

The Rev. JOHN HIERONYMUS, Deshler, Neb., died Nov. 7, 2005. He served churches in Illinois, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas and Iowa and was a U.S. Army chaplain.

#### 1928

The Rev. ANTON EGGERLING, Fort Collins, Colo., died Nov. 30 at the age of 100. He served churches in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Colorado.

#### 1935

HARRIET ROLLWAGEN MUEDEKING, Napa, Calif., died April 9.

#### 1936

GERTRUDE GUETZLAFF CLAASSEN, Aliso Viejo, Calif., died April 16 of Alzheimer's disease. She was a homemaker.

#### 1937

LAWRENCE WILLIAMS, Belvidere, Neb., died Jan. 17, 2005.

#### 1938

The Rev. HARRY RAPPATH, Prescott, Ariz., died May 19. After graduating from Wartburg Theological Seminary, he spent 53 in the ministry, serving parishes in Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Colorado and Arizona.

The Rev. PAUL C. WENSKE, Overland Park, Kan., died Aug. 5. A graduate of Capital University Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, he spent 65 years in ministry developing and building churches in Ohio, California, Washington, and Nebraska. He served as a civilian chaplain at Wright Field in Dayton, Ohio, during World War II. He was a chaplain at the Martin Luther Home in Beatrice, Neb., an administrator and chaplain at the Good Neighbor Nursing

Home in Manchester, Iowa, and interim administrator at Bartels Lutheran Home in Waverly, Iowa. A Wartburg College scholarship has been established in his name.

#### 1942

ESTHER ZWANZIGER ANDREAE, Elkader, Iowa, died March 24 following a brief illness.

DOROTHY MATT GRUETT, Bellingham, Wash., died March 16. Prior to her retirement, she was an accountant for Sears.

#### 1943

JOHN FLUGGA, Marion, Iowa, died June 11 following a short illness. He was a manager at Country Cobbler Shoes and Walker Shoes for more than 50 years.

ALICE LEINBAUGH HAMDORF, Maquoketa, Iowa, died June 15 following a brief illness. She was a former teacher in the Clinton County rural schools and in Oxford Junction.

EULALIA PIETZ SCHAUER MUELLER, Kearney, Neb., died July 21. She earned a master's degree from Kearney State College.

The Rev. LAWRENCE SANGER, Lynchburg, Va., died Dec. 6, 2005. A graduate of Wartburg Theological Seminary, he earned a Master of Sacred Theology degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served churches in Ohio and Wisconsin until entering the U.S. Army chaplaincy in 1956, He retired as a full colonel in 1976 after a highly decorated career that included peacetime and combat roles as hospital chaplain, post chaplain and brigade chaplain. He then spent 10 years as a chaplain in the North Carolina Prison System and was a visitation pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Raleigh, N.C., from 1986 to 2001.

#### 1950

WILLIAM JESCHKE, Gresham, Ore., died Dec. 26. A graduate of North American Baptist Seminary, he served congregations in New York, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Oregon, and Pennsylvania until his retirement in 1987. He took a break from the pulpit in the early 1970s to teach English at Lake Oswego High School in Oregon.

HERBERT E. RICHMANN, Tucson, Ariz., died June 17.

LLOYD SPIER, Marion, Iowa, died May 14 following an extended illness. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from 1951-53 and earned a master's degree in 1960 from the University of Iowa. He was a teacher and coach in the Cedar Rapids School District for 33 years, retiring in 1992 after 20 years of teaching mathematics at Kennedy High School. He was Kennedy's first head baseball coach and was inducted into the Kennedy Hall of Fame in 1995.

MARILYN MUELLER WINKEY, Shell Rock, Iowa, died June 16 of complications from ALS. She taught high school English and served as librarian in the Shell Rock Community School. Following her marriage, she became an active partner in the Winkey farming operation until her retirement in 1992. She played saxophone in the Shell Rock Music Association's Spring Swing Show from its first year in 1965 through the 2006 program and was active in the Lutheran church at the local, conference, district and national

#### 1952

MELVIN SOMMERS, Eden Prairie, Minn., died June 30.

#### 1956

SHIRLEY KANE HERZOG, Padroni, Colo., died April 6.

#### 1958

Dr. GORDON HANSON, Fort Morgan, Colo., died July 20. He was a retired psychologist and social worker who earned M.S.W. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Denver.

#### 1961

STANLEY J. NOYCE, Douglas, Ga., died suddenly Aug. 5. He was a retired personnel administrator.

Dr. MARY LOU HEUER ROARK, Naples, Fla., died May 30. She earned an M.A. degree from Syracuse University and an Ed.D. from Virginia Tech. She retired as professor emeritus of counselor education from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, where she received the 1997 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. She was the author of Mercy Me, a book of poems, psalms, and prayers about dealing with cancer.

#### 1965

LAVONNE MATHWIG KRAGEL, Tallahassee, Fla., died July 13. She taught third grade at Park Elementary School in Hampton, Iowa, until her retirement in 1990. She wrote frequent editorials for the Des Moines Register and in retirement was a disc jockey at KCMR radio in Hampton.

#### 1967

VERTA WYATT KRESS, Quasqueton, Iowa, died May 28 following a sudden illness. She was an elementary teacher in Waterloo, Iowa, for 14 years and then taught fourth grade at East Buchanan School in Winthrop, Iowa, for 14 years until her retirement in 1982.

GERALD MEISTER, Sarasota, Fla., died May 16 after a lengthy illness.

#### 1973

SCOTT TERHUNE, St. Paul, Minn., died March 24 after a stroke. He was a licensed psychologist in private practice in Eagan and Minneapolis, Minn., specializing in psychological services for divorcing families. He served on the Minnesota Board of Psychology and taught professional ethics in the graduate psychology programs at St. Mary's University in Winona, Minn., and Argosy University in Eagan, Minn.

#### 1976

DIANE CRABTREE STOPPELMOOR, Grundy Center, Iowa, died May 15 after a long battle with cancer. She had been an owner/operator of Stoppy's All Star Restaurant in Grundy Center.

#### 1982

PAUL BECK, Chicago, Ill., died Sept. 21 following an extended illness.

DAVID STAUDE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died May 15 from injuries suffered in a car accident. He earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and was employed by Tanager Place in Cedar Rapids. His death came less than two months after his stepbrother, Michael Ward '83, died of a heart attack.

## **KNIGHTS** IN THE NEWS

AMELIA WEBER and Zachary Armstrong, Platteville, Wis., were married July 1.

DAREN ZAJICEK and HEATHER WINTER. Waverly, were married Sept. 9.

#### 2005

JANEECE ANDERSON and Dirk Downs, Tripoli, Iowa, were married June 17. Janeece is a K-5 music and band teacher in the Denver Community School District.

KRISTIN ANDERSON, Lockport, Ill., is an executive team leader with Target Corp.,

SARA ANDERSON and Brett Richards, Waukee, Iowa, were married July 15.

TAMMY JO ANDERSON, Guam, is a public information officer with the Guam EPA.

KELSEY PADDERUD BAKER, Waverly, Iowa, completed a Master of Arts degree in education from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, in July. She is working toward an Ed.S. degree in school psychology at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

SARAH MEIDLINGER BELAND, Tiffin, Iowa, is a graduate student in music performance at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and teaches at West Music, Coralville.

RUSSELL GOEREND and REBECCA TOWNSLEY '06, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 3 in the Wartburg Chapel. Russell is pursuing a second bachelor's degree in secondary English education at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

Kevin and SARAH BROWN GROTH, Groton, Conn., announce the birth of Elijah William, July 19.

KRYSTAL HEXAMER, Cape Girardeau, Mo., teaches K-8 science and mathematics at a Christian academy.

VERNE HOUSTON and CATHERINE RAPP, Omaha, Neb., were married July 29.

MATTHEW KIDWELL and COURTNEY KOWALKE, Iowa City, Iowa, were married Dec. 17. Matthew is a first-year medical student at the University of Iowa. Courtney is a substitute teacher in the Iowa City Community School District, assistant varsity softball coach for West High School and a 12U softball coach for the Johnson County Jaguars. SARAH LEARN and JUSTIN BRINCKS '06, Denison, Iowa, were married July 1. They are employed at Denison High School, where Sarah is an English and ESL teacher and Justin is a special education associate.

KELLY KOHLHAAS MENNING, Algona, Iowa, teaches second grade and is head varsity volleyball coach at West Bend-Mallard Community School, West

EMILY LUBBERDEN and Jonathan Whalley were married

ASHLEY MILLER, Waterloo, Iowa, is an account executive with The Courier.

BRANDON NEWTON is director of youth and family ministry at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenwood Springs, Colo.

KELLY PREUSSNER. Knoxville, Tenn., is a sports management graduate student at the University of Tennessee.

HOLLY RAABE is a graduate student at Iowa State University, Ames.

CHELSEY RODGERS. Grinnell, Iowa, is as a personalized underwriter with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance

SETH ROWLAND and Carrie Wadle, Coralville, Iowa, were married July 1.

CHRISTOPHER SKUSTER. Omaha, Neb., is with the City of Omaha Police Department.

WESLEY SMITH, Frederika, Iowa, is a loan officer at Farmers Savings Bank.

EMILY SUCHY and SETH CLARKSON, Story City, Iowa, were married June 3.

EUGENE THOMAS, Denver, Colo., is a mortgage consultant with NU-Home Mortgage, Inc.

GABE WATERS, West Branch, Iowa, is owner of Residential Builders.

SARAH WALTERS, Kirkland, Wash., is a territory manager with Hormel Foods Corp.

BRANDON ZELLE and BETH THOMPSON ZELLE, Independence, Iowa, are owners of Starlight Cinema movie rheater.

#### 2006

ALAINA AKKERMAN and Darren Flater, Dike, Iowa, were married Aug. 5. Alaina is an account executive with IowaBride.com.

TYLER ARCHER, Burlington, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial.

KIRK ARTIST. Glenwood. Iowa, is a graduate student in physical education at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

EMILY BARND and Greg Saveraid, Polk City, Iowa, were married June 10. Emily is an editor at Iowa Bankers Association, Johnston.

ERIN BENOY is a Ph.D. student at the University of California-Irvine.

CLINT BIEKERT, Dubuque, Iowa, is a reliability analyst with John Deere.

CARI BLATCHFORD, Des Moines, Iowa, is an office and logistics manager with Jolesch Photography.

RILEY BOCHMANN and MELINDA YODER, Hiawatha, Iowa, were married July 1. Riley is a processing specialist for St. Luke's Hospital, Cedar Rapids.

ERIC BRITTAIN, Minnetonka, Minn., is a season ticket sales representative with the Minnesota Timberwolves/Lynx, Minneapolis.

ANGELA BROCKSCHINK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a therapist with Four Oaks.

JULIA BROWN, Ames, Iowa, is a credit manager with Wells Fargo Financial, Des Moines.

PAMELA BYRD JORDAN, Waterloo, Iowa, teaches sixthgrade reading at Hoover Middle School

JEFFREY CALLAHAN, Grimes, Iowa, is an investment accountant with Principal Financial Group.

### End the year of 'Celebrating Alumni' with a May Term course

The Rev. Dr. Kathryn Kleinhans, chair of the religion and philosophy department, will teach Reformation Then and Now on site in Germany during May Term 2007.

Travel dates are April 30-May 22. Visit historic sites, learn from German scholars and church leaders and stay overnight and worship in a restored Augustinian monastery.



A bust of the Rev. Wilhelm Löhe greets visitors to the Diakonie Neuendettelsau.

Alumni and friends are invited to join Wartburg students on the trip. In addition to



Germany, where Martin Luther often preached

extended time in Wittenberg, Eisenach and Neuendettelsausites visited by participants in the summer 2006 faculty/staff development seminar—the itinerary includes Martin Luther's hometown of Eisleben; Marburg, where St. Elizabeth is buried; Torgau, burial place of Katharina von Bora Luther; Worms, where Luther made his famous "Here I Stand" speech, and more.

Contact kathryn.kleinhans@wartburg.edu or 319-352-8283 for more information.

LA'BETRA CHAMBERS is studying abroad at Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, a one-year program in Germany.

SETH CLARKSON, Story City, Iowa, is a discipleship team leader at Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp.

KAREN CONNELLY, Iowa Falls, Iowa, teaches high school mathematics in the Iowa Falls Community School District.

CARRIE CORPSTEIN, Anamosa, is an executive team leader of human resources with Target Corp.

ANNIE DASEN, Boone, Iowa, teaches fourth grade in the Boone Community School District.

KATY DEN HARTOG is a graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

BETHANY DUNCAN, Forest Park, Ill., is a communication coordinator with Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, River Forest.

LAURA DURANT and Benjamin Elliott, Ames, Iowa, were married June 17.

RACHEL EAGLE teaches in the Glendale Elementary School District, Glendale, Ariz.

STEPHANIE EGTS is a medical student at the Carver College of Medicine, University of Iowa, Iowa City.

NATHAN ERICKSON, Coralville, Iowa, teaches sixth grade in the Mid-Prairie Community School District, Wellman.

ANNE FATTIG, Urbandale, Iowa, is with the Integer Group, Des Moines.

JESSE GAVIN, Mason City, Iowa, is assistant news and sports announcer with Three Eagles Communications KYTC Radio and serves as the play-byplay voice of Newman Catholic High School sports.

BECKY TOWNSLEY GOEREND, Waverly, Iowa, teaches second grade at Fairbank Elementary School in the Wapsie Valley Community School District. STEPHANIE GOETZ, Davenport, Iowa, is a marketing assistant with Putnam Museum and IMAX Theatre.

HANNAH GOLDAMMER, is narnia area head at Holden Village, Chelan, Wash.

ALAINA GOOS, West Des Moines, Iowa, is an outside sales specialist with Wells Fargo Financial.

VALERIE GRAMLICH, Johnston, Iowa, is a dental claims examiner at Principal Financial Group, Des Moines.

JESSICA GRASBY, Williamsburg, Iowa, is K-1 general music teacher and associate high school music director in the Williamsburg Community School District.

MICHAEL GREENWALD and LACEY EBERT, Iowa City, Iowa, were married July 16. Lacey is a graduate student at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

BRIAN GREINER, Barrington, Ill., is a project accountant with Pepper Construction, Chicago.

ABBIE GRUSETH is a graduate student in history at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.

LAURA GUTH is a library and information science graduate student at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JILL HACKMAN, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, is a P.L. underwriter screener with Nationwide Insurance, Des Moines.

MIRANDA SPURGEON HAUGAN, Shell Rock, Iowa, is an at-risk educator and eighth-grade U.S. history teacher at Waverly-Shell Rock Junior High School, Waverly.

ALLISON HEILLE is a fulltime border servant corps volunteer with Jardin de los Niños, Las Cruces, N.M.

DAVID HILL teaches mathematics and at Martin Luther King Jr. Academy, Des Moines, Iowa.

JADE HOLST, Central City, Iowa, is a software engineer with Rockwell Collins. LINDSEY HUINKER, Wheaton, Ill., is an operations coordinator with MED Alliance Group, Carol Stream.

ASHLEY JESSICK is a graduate student in toxicology at Iowa State University, Ames.

LISA JESTRAB is an executive team leader with Target Corp.

JILL JOHNSON, Waterloo, Iowa, is an accountant with John Deere.

MELISSA JOHNSON, Churdan, Iowa, teaches English in the Paton-Churdan Community Schools.

JACK KAMPF is a graduate student in pharmacy and public health at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

MEGAN KAMPMAN and Ethan Epley, Waverly, Iowa, were married June 10. Megan teaches English at Boone High School, Boone.

AMY KENT is an executive in training with Target Corp., Des Moines, Iowa.

CAROLINE KINZENBAW, is a graduate student in civil engineering-transportation at Iowa State University, Ames.

ADAM KIRCHHOFF, Austin, Minn., is a programmer analyst with Hormel Foods Corp.

SAMANTHA KLEVER, Monroe, Iowa, is a department manager with Pella Corp.

NICK KRAY, Ames, Iowa, is a graduate student in turf grass management at Iowa State University.

ANDREW KRUSE, Austin, Minn., is a programmer analyst with Hormel Foods Corp.

ZACHARY LADAGE, Tripoli, Iowa, is an executive team leader with Target Corp., Waterloo.

MATT LAMOS is in the management internship program with Hooters of America, Inc., Las Vegas, Nev.

KRISTEN LEMKE is a chiropractic student at Northwestern Health Sciences University, Bloomington, Minn.

MARK LENIUS, Waverly, Iowa, is a general real estate property appraiser and farm manager with Roach Farms, Inc.

SHANNON LILLIBRIDGE, Ankeny, Iowa, is a law student at Drake University, Des Moines.

KATHRYN McKLVEEN and Nicholas Fox, Des Moines, Iowa, were married March 25.

ASHLEY REICHTER McMURRY is a medical student at Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, Mo.

CHRIS MEDINGER, Bellevue, Iowa, is a vocal music instructor with the Bellevue Marquette Catholic School System.

TIFFANY MEYER, Oskaloosa, Iowa, teaches 8-12 language at Moulton-Udell High School.

NATHAN MILLER is an Iowa state trooper with the Department of Public Safety.

DANA MORRIS teaches 5-8 instrumental music and directs flags at Mount Ayr Community School, Mount Ayr, Iowa.

MELINDA MORRIS, White Bear Lake, Minn., is a family worker with Southside Family Nurturing Center, Minneapolis.

JUSTIN MULLEN, La Porte City, Iowa, is a member service representative with Veridian Credit Union.

ERIKA MUSSMAN and James Hass, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, were married July 29. Erika teaches fourth grade in the Benton Community Schools, Norway.

CELESTE NAGEL, Austin, Minn., is a staff accountant with Hormel Foods Corp.

KATIE NAUMAN, Pella, Iowa, teaches first grade at Lynnville-Sully Elementary School, Sully.

NICOLE NEUENDORF, North Charleston, S.C., is in guest services with the Hampton Inn Historic District hotel.

JACQUELYN NOVAK, Des Moines, Iowa, is a graduate student in the physician assistant program at Des Moines University.

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- Sept. 1 Fall/Winter Issue
- Jan. 1 Spring Issue
- May 1 Summer Issue

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## **Scenes from Homecoming 2006**









JESSICA NYSTEL, West Union, Iowa, is a news writer with the Newspapers of Fayette Co., Inc., Elgin.

KARI O'BRION, Milford, Iowa, is a graduate student in the thanatology program at Hood College, Frederick, Md.

EMILY PAPPAS is a graduate student in physical therapy at the University of Iowa, Iowa

MATT PETERSEN is a law student at St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Mo.

ASHLEY PFALZGRAF, Waterloo, Iowa, is a graduate student at Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport.

JESSICA PFEIFFER is a graduate student in social work at the University of Denver, Denver, Colo.

BREANNE PLEGGENKUHLE is a gtaduate student in

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criminology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

JACOB RAPP is a graduate student in Spanish literature at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

BROOKE RAUSCH is a graduate student in physical therapy at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

ANNIE REIHER is a graduate student in physical therapy and rehabilitation science at the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

JULIE SAMMONS, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, teaches third grade in the New London Community Schools.

JESSE SATHRE is a teaching assistant and graduate student in computer engineering at Iowa State University, Ames.

MARA SCHACK, West Union, Iowa, is an activities assistant with Maple Crest Manor, Fayette.

SHELBY SCHNEIDER, Pella, Iowa, is a department manager with Pella Corp.

TODD STANHOPE, Iowa City, Iowa, is a medical student at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine.

BRIDGET STEERE, Skokie. Ill., is an optometry student at Illinois College of Optometry.

LINDSAY STEVENSON teaches seventh-grade reading and mathematics at Parkview Middle School, Ankeny, Iowa.

MARLA STEWART, Kansas City, Kan., is a benefits coordinator with Sprint.

ELIZABETH SUMMITT, West Des Moines, Iowa, is a loan counselor with Wells Fargo

ERICA SWANSON, Iola, Wis., is an associate editor at Krause Publications.

JESSICA SWANSON is a volunteer with Latreia, Minneapolis, Minn.

STEFFANIE TOMLINSON is an admissions counselor with Central College, Pella, Iowa.

KARA TREBIL is a graduate student in postsecondary education-student affairs at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls.

CHRISTINA UFER, Edina, Minn., is a music therapist with Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

KARA ULLESTAD, Boston, Mass., is doing advocacy work for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

RACHEL VOMACKA, Eldora, Iowa, teaches seventh grade in the Eldora-New Providence Consolidated School District.

KIM WALL is a graduate student at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy, Iowa City.

LINDSAY WALTERS, Des Moines, Iowa, is a telephone banker with Wells Fargo Financial.

ASHLEY WEETS is a graduate student in the college student personnel program at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

RACHEL WIEDEMAN, Tulsa, Okla., is a graduate student at the University of Tulsa.

JESSICA WILKE is a graduate student in the college student personnel program at Western Illinois University, Macomb.

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## JANUARY 8

- 8 Winter Term classes begin
  - 10 The Fray Concert Neumann Auditorium, 8 p.m. SOLD OUT
  - 19 Meistersinger Music Scholarship Auditions prospective students audition for scholarships of up to \$4,000 per year
  - 20 Winter Scholarship Day
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#### **FEBRUARY**

- 3 Meistersinger Honor Band Festival Concert Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Meistersinger Honor Band Festival Concert Neumann Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 9 Meistersinger Music Scholarship Auditions
- 15-17 Wartburg Players present *Fiddler on the Roof* Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
  - Convocation Neumann Auditorium, 11:30 a.m., featuring David Barr III, playwright
    Artist Series, Jackie, Vi and Lena Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., "three extraordinary people who stood up in the storm" (www.wartburg.edu/artist)
  - Wartburg Community Symphony Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. featuring classical guitarist Petar Jankovic
  - 25 Chapel Choir Concert/Handbell Concert Wartburg Chapel, 2 p.m.

#### **MARCH**

- 3-11 Winter Term Break
  - 20 Convocation Neumann Auditorium, 11:30 a.m., featuring Helen Thomas, veteran journalist
- Artist Series, Tony Waag's Tap City Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., tap-dance veterans, cutting-edge tap soloists and up-and-coming young talent (www.wartburg.edu/artist)
- 24-25 Senior High Youth Event a weekend for high school students sponsored by the Church Relations Office and Campus Ministry
  - 25 St. Elizabeth Chorale High Tea St. Elizabeth Room, Saemann Student Center, 3 p.m.
  - 30 Symphonic Band and Ritterchor Concert Neumann Auditorium, 7 p.m.
  - Castle Singers Dessert Concert St. Elizabeth Room, Saemann Student Center, 3 p.m.

    Wartburg Community Symphony Concert Neumann Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. featuring violinist Asmira Woodward-Page

#### **APRIL**

- 3 An Evening of Percussion Bluedorn Instrumental Music Hall, Bachman Fine Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 6-9 Easter break
- 10 Classes resume
- 11 Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation Neumann Auditorium, 11:30 a.m.
- 12-14 Wartburg Players present *Bus Stop –* McCaskey Lyceum, Saemann Student Center, 7:30 p.m.
  - Winter classes endKnightliters Jazz Concert, Neumann Auditorium 8 p.m.

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